Literati Culture in Northern Song China

HSTAS 560

Monday, 3-4:50 in Smith 309

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Books ordered:


Other readings are available in a packet for sale at Rams.

Requirements:

Students will be expected to attend regularly, to have read the assigned readings carefully enough to engage actively in discussion, and to periodically lead discussion. Assigned reading has been kept to a minimum so that students will be able to devote at least half their time to their research project, which should be on a topic closely related to the theme of this course. The research project will involve three components, a 4-5 page analytical review of a relevant book (with a ten minute presentation in the class), the selection of a Chinese text to present in class, and a research paper that draws on varied sources. The target length of the research paper is 15-20 pages. To the extent possible, students will select a Chinese text for the same week they present the book report.

Readings have been selected primarily from works published since 1990, so that this course will help students keep up with recent scholarship. Bibliographies in these works will give guidance to earlier scholarship, much of which remains of major importance and should be used in the research paper.

Grading: Class participation, 25%; book review, 25%; research paper, 50%
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<td>Literati and the Examinations</td>
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Possible Book reports:  
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Possible Book reports:


**Literati as Artists: Calligraphy, Painting, and Poetry**


Possible Book reports:


**Literati and Religion**


Possible Book reports:
Beata Grant, 1994. *Mount Lu Revisited: Buddhism in the Life and Writings of Su Shih*.

OR

**Literati as a Social and Political Elite**


Possible book reviews:


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Final versions of papers due 12/13 in Ebrey's mailbox in 411 Thomson by 4:30.