Anthro175Y: Chinese Family and Kinship

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This course examines the family and kinship organization in traditional Chinese society and the transformation of these institutions in the People’s Republic of China since the 1949 revolution. Topics include spouse selection and marriage patterns, family structure and intra-family relations, lineage organization and ancestor worship, gender roles, birth control and family planning, and the role of the state in the transformation of the family and kinship.

There are two exams for this course: a short midterm exam is schedule on July 16 (Tuesday) and the final is on August 1 (Thursday). Exam questions will be based on materials drawn from both assigned readings and lectures. The final grade will be determined the midterm (40%) and final (60%).

The required textbook is a course reader containing journal articles and book chapters, which is available at Course Reader Material, 1141 Westwood Blvd., Tel. 310-443-3303.

Weekly Topics and Readings

Week 1 Family and Household (June 25 & 27)


Week 2 Kinship Organization and Ancestor Worship (July 2 & 4))

Week 6 The Individual, the Family, the Society, and the State (July 30 & August 1)


