

Module title		Abbreviation
Cultural History of Late Imperial China A		04-CS-HI2A-172-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of East Asian Cultural Studies		Institute of East and South Asian Cultural Studies
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>The society and culture of late imperial China may be analyzed as a complex system of institutions, practices, and values. During the 16th through 18th centuries (mid Ming to mid Qing), this system increasingly became subject to the dynamics of social mobility and the expansion of commerce. Despite a generally strong sense of continuity, the effects and tensions of crises were perceived in all fields of cultural and social life. Courses offered in this module pursue these questions by focusing on one particular field of cultural and social history. Suggested topics and contents include the following: education, literacy and publishing; city and village; or elite and popular culture. The choice of focus depends on the learning agreement with the new student group. The thematic program guides the students toward the exploration of suitable primary source materials and to a range of relevant research literature. It provides the basis for oral presentations and a starting point for individual term papers.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Students are familiarized with one major field of late-imperial Chinese cultural and social history, and with a selection of issues and contexts relevant for its research. They are acquainted with important topics of cultural-historical analysis and with a range of appropriate, up-to-date methodological approaches. They further develop their skills in academic reading and oral presenting.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (2) Module taught in: English and Chinese		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 15 minutes) or b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) Language of assessment: English and Chinese creditable for bonus		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Studies (2017)		