DHP 272: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY:

CASE STUDIES FROM CHINA’S FRONTIERS.

This is an exploration of the forces at work along China’s frontiers. The course is multidisciplinary: students are encouraged to take advantage of perspectives from history, anthropology, political science, economics, environmental studies, and journalism.

Students are expected to produce a 20-30 page research paper. The assignments of an annotated bibliography, a précis, and a rough draft are meant to facilitate the writing process.

Required Books:

M. Taylor Fravel, Strong Borders, Secure Nation.

Use this volume as a reference; find the appropriate sections for each week (they are scattered at various points through the book) and come prepared to discuss them.

Hsiao-ting Lin, Accidental State.

Syaru Shirley Lin, Taiwan’s China Dilemma.

Sheila Smith, Intimate Rivals.

Ming-sho Ho, Challenging Beijing’s Mandate of Heaven.

Alice Albinia, Empires of the Indus.

Additional readings on Canvas. You are expected to keep up with the latest developments on in the region by regular perusals of the Financial Times and The Economist. You are also expected to consult the extensive collection of documents made available by the Cold War International History Project; check their website at cwihp.org. And if there is a treaty that applies to a given topic, you should be familiar with it.

This is a research seminar, so the readings mentioned are only starting points: you are expected to range far beyond them. Please consult whatever materials you feel will be helpful--- and bring the perspectives gleaned from them to class.

Knowledge of Mandarin or a pertinent regional language (Japanese, Russian) recommended.
Schedule

Week 1: Thinking About Frontiers, By Land and Sea.
Readings: Mahan, Mackinder, Shen and Lovell.

Week 2: The China-Japan Frontier.
Readings: Smith, *Intimate Rivals*.

Readings: FT coverage, Japan National Security Strategy.

Week 4: Taiwan.
Readings: Lin, *Accidental State*.

Week 5: Library Orientation.
Readings: Lepore, “Plymouth Rocked”. Come prepared with a rough idea of what your paper topic will be.

Week 6: Taiwan: Part 2. **Annotated bibliography due in class.**
Readings: Lin, *Taiwan’s China Dilemma*.

Week 7: South China Sea.
Readings: Fravel, pp.267-299, Ives.

Week 8: Hong Kong. **Precis due in class.**
Readings: Ming-sho Ho, *Challenging Beijing’s Mandate of Heaven*; Sala; FT coverage.

Week 9: Korea.
Readings: Readings TBA.

Week 10: Russia and Central Asia. **Rough draft due in class.**
Readings: Radchenko; Charap.

Week 11: South Asia.
Readings: Alice Albinia, *Empires of the Indus*; Garver; Sultan Khan.
Week 12: Xinjiang.

Readings: Thum; leaked documents; additional readings TBA.

Week 13: Farther Frontiers: Frontiers Reconsidered. **Final paper due in class.**
