

History and Culture of China

Course #	21SHC
Format:	Seminar
Moderator:	Jim Harvey
Date and Time:	Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 PM 10 weeks, starting February 23
Location:	ONLINE, via Zoom
Maximum number of participants:	17
Auditors accepted:	Yes, up to 2

Purpose: The purpose of this seminar is to gain an understanding of China in the context of its history and culture

Description: Everyone is talking about China. But how much do we know? For many the answer is “very little”. If that describes you, join us for a survey of Chinese history, culture and modern political position in the world.

The seminar will include an overview of some of the landmark dynasties in China’s long and interesting past. We will pay particular attention to the Han, Tang, Ming and Qing dynasties, as well as more modern developments such as the rise of Communism and modern politics. We will also study the contributions of Confucius and Taoism to Chinese culture, as well as such topics as art, architecture, literature, cuisine and music. Finally, we will spend some time focusing on life in China today from the point of view of an ordinary person.

Role of participants: Each participant will be expected to prepare and deliver a presentation of 30-40 min. duration, participate in class discussion and to read the recommended book

Resources: Scott Morton and Charlton Lewis, *China, Its History and Culture*, 4th edition.

About the Moderator: Jim Harvey has a long-standing interest in history and other cultures, particularly those that are important to today's world. He has moderated over 30 seminars.