

HIU34073-74 China 1911-1949: From Republican Revolution to Communist Revolution (Jackson)



The 1911 Revolution brought down the last emperor of China, ending over 2,000 years of imperial rule and ushering in the Republican period. The young nation faced many challenges, from foreign imperialism to the titanic struggle between the Communist and Nationalist Parties. This module examines such imperial and political history but also addresses the social, cultural and economic developments of the period, encompassing non-elites and women alongside the major political players, to achieve a well-rounded perspective. Together we undertake an in-depth study of the development of Republican China and the major debates concerning its history. Students will draw on the recent outpouring of new historiography, due in part to the new availability of archival resources in mainland China, and engage directly with revealing primary materials (in English), to gain a thorough understanding of this period of intense and formative change for modern China.