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| COURSE NUMBER: VR238 | COURSE TITLE: British Empire and “Informal” Imperialism in the Nineteenth-Century 十九世纪的英帝国与“非正式”帝国主义 |
| TERMS OFFERED: Summer CREDIT: 4 | PREREQUISITES: None |
| TEXTBOOKS/REQUIRED MATERIAL: Reading assignments: All original readings are from online archive databases and official websites. Some readings are introductory materials from contemporary history books and various websites, and academic journals. | INSTRUCTOR: YU Qiong DATE OF PREPARATION: n/a DATE OF UC APPROVAL: May 2019 |
| INSTRUCTOR(S): YU Qiong | SCIENCE/DESIGN: n/a |
| CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Students are introduced to the nineteenth century British Empire from political, social, and cultural perspectives. Focusing on Imperial institutes, major social reforms, literature, and Britain’s encounter with China, this course aims to help students to have a comprehensive view on the expansion of the British Empire in the nineteenth century. | COURSE TOPICS 1. The British Empire and ‘Informal Imperialism’ 2. Political and Social Reforms: The Reform Act of 1832, Chartist Movement, Civil Service Reform, Poor Law Reform, Public Health Reform. 3. Imperial Institutes and Colonial Knowledge: colonial knowledge, The British Consular Service, The Royal Asiatic Society 4. Political and Social thoughts: The idea of ‘civilization’, Social Darwinism, Liberalism, Morality. 5. Travel and Travel Writings 6. Britain’s Encounter with China |
| COURSE STRUCTURE/SCHEDULE: Lecture: 60 units of 45-minutes classes | |
| COURSE OBJECTIVES | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide students with the knowledge of the history of the British Empire in the 19th century. To provide students with the basic idea of British ‘informal imperialism’ in the 19th century. To provide student with the basic idea of cultural encounter within the context of colonial expansion. To provide students with opportunities for students to participate in discussion. To provide students with opportunities to develop extensive writing and analysis ability. |
| COURSE OUTCOMES [Program Outcomes in brackets] | <p>After completing this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have general knowledge of the political, social and cultural background of nineteen-century Britain. Have general knowledge of Britain’s ‘informal imperialism’ in the 19th century. Have general understanding of the Sino-British cultural relation the 19th century. Have general understanding of the influence of the important social changes in the 19th century Britain. Have a critical view on Britain’s expansion in the 19th century. Carry out a case study on the political, social, or cultural phenomena of the 19th century Britain. Participate in discussion on cultural encounters between Britain and the rest of the world. |
| ASSESSMENT TOOLS [Course Outcomes in brackets] | <p>Midterm essay (1,500 English words) 30%</p> <p>Final paper (3,000 English words) 30%</p> <p>Class Report (presentation): 10%</p> <p>Class Performance (participation and attendance): 30%</p> |