As domain of imperial dynasties, target of imperialist aggression, dissident member of the cold war Communist bloc and current regional superpower in East Asia, China’s history embodies the full range of experience. This course will track these transitions in political and social organization that, among other things, terminated history’s longest lasting monarchical system, ignited two of its largest revolutions, began World War II and produced the most populous nation on earth. *Professor Di LUO*