

Hist 104, Lecture 09: The Violence of Global Economic Expansion

0. Keywords

The Canton System, Opium War (1839-42), Commissioner Lin Zexu, The *Nemesis*, The Treaty of Nanjing (1842), unequal treaties, Taiping Rebellion (1851-1864), The Sepoy Mutiny (1857), Meiji Restoration (1868), Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895)

1. Intro: The “Peaceful” Century, 1815-1914

2. Forcing the Issue of “Free” Trade

- a. British production and consumption
- b. The Canton System
- c. The opium solution

3. The Opium War, 1839-1842

- a. Commissioner Lin puts the smack down
- b. The EIC's secret weapon: The *Nemesis*
- c. The Treaty of Nanjing (1842)

4. Assessing the Impact of Opium

- a. Economic stability for Britain and its empire
- b. Instability for the Qing Empire: The Taiping Rebellion (1851-1864)
- c. The deindustrialization, ruralization, and colonization of India

5. Civil Wars and Resistance in Asia and the Americas

- a. The Indian Rebellion of 1857 (The Sepoy Mutiny)
- b. The Meiji Restoration in Japan, 1868-
- c. Mexico, 1857-1867
- d. The United States, 1861-1865