

**Hist 104, Lectures 15-16:  
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), Self-Strengthening Movement (1860-1895), The Boxer Rebellion (1900), The Sepoy Mutiny (1857), Meiji Restoration (1868), Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895) [in text, not lecture: Young Turks, Crimean War]

**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. Economic and political instability for the Qing Empire
- c. The deindustrialization, ruralization, and colonialization of India
- d. Warnings for Japan

**5. Civil Wars and Resistance in Asia**

- a. The Taiping Rebellion, 1851-1864
- b. The Indian Rebellion of 1857 (The Sepoy Mutiny)
- c. The Meiji Restoration in Japan, 1868-

**6. Civil Wars and Resistance in the Americas**

- a. Mexico, 1857-1867
- b. The United States, 1861-1865