

Lecture Outline 04

Internal Threats to the Bakuhan System

0. **Intro**
 - Unintended economic consequences lead to domestic social turmoil
1. **Growing commercialization of economy and power of merchants**
 - a. Unintended consequences of sankin-kôtai.
 - b. Problems provisioning Edo
 - c. Commercialization complicates governing and taxation
 - d. Theoretical class order undermined
2. **The Tenpô Famine of the 1830s**
 - a. Mostly in northeast, but affected all of Japan
 - b. Bakufu response inadequate
3. **Increasing peasant riots (*ikki*)**
 - a. Usually for tax and/or rice relief
 - b. Samurai now become involved
4. **Ôshio Heihachirô's Revolt, 1837**
 - a. In response to growing poverty in Osaka
 - b. Ôshio's summons to revolt; put down but 25% set ablaze
5. **Domainal reforms: Satsuma, Chôshû, and Mito**
 - a. Satsuma
 - b. Chôshû
 - c. Mito
 - Role as *sanke* (collateral branch family)
 - Tokugawa Nariaki and Mitogaku (Mito Studies)
 - Rangaku ("Dutch Studies")