This course will explore the history of modern Taiwan. Using a variety of methods and topics, it aims to contextualize Taiwanese history within larger historical trends as well as grapple with key issues of politics, society, and culture pertinent to Taiwan. How has Taiwan been shaped by its colonial legacy, geography, and peoples? How have these forces resulted in key issues today such as identity, democracy, and cross-Strait relations? How has Taiwan imagined the world and its own place within it?