MAJOR TOPICS IN EAST ASIAN CIVILIZATIONS
Session #45

The Communist Revolution, 1920-1960

I. The revolutionary tide vs. reformism
   A. Liberation as radical action to fulfill future expectations vs. liberalism as gradualism based on past experience
   B. Mao’s "report on the Hunan Peasant Movement." The need for violence, and the mobilization of peasants under Party leadership

II. Party organization and discipline
   A. "How to be a Good Communist" and its relation to Confucian self-cultivation
   B. Mao’s "Combat Liberalism"
   C. Literature and art in the service of the revolution

III. The tactics of the "New Democracy" stage
   A. Coalition politics and the anti-Japanese struggle
   B. Moderate economic program; land reform

IV. The "People's Democratic Dictatorship"
   A. Democratic centralism
   B. Soviet-style industrialization and education
   C. The Communes
   D. The Great Leap Forward
   E. The break with the Soviets