

Historical Awareness Subcommittee Report

Date: 12/2/2021

To: General Studies Council

From: **Historical Awareness Subcommittee**

Sharon Chanley, Member

David Corlett, Chair

Matt Simonton, Member

Re: Recommendations for Course Proposals (H designation)

Recommend for Approval

From ASU: HST 303 Studies in Asian History (Modern China—Violence)

From MCCCCD: (none)

Recommend for Revise/Resubmit

From ASU: CEL 300 Capitalism and Great Economic Debates

- **Rationale:** We clearly see that history is a focus of the course, though of what exactly is the question. The course has great authors theorizing about political economy over time, but we are not sure if it demonstrates human institutions changing over time. There is need for additional contextualization that we are not seeing in the materials provided, though the course may well address these. We do not see that the students would have a historically informed view of ancient Greek political economy with readings just from Aristotle's *Politics*. Perhaps a background lecture achieves this or the inclusion of a reading from some contemporary secondary literature that is more historical than theoretical in its approach. The episodic approach (ancient, early modern, then modern) also leaves significant gaps that telescope the view of the growth of capitalism.

From MCCCCD: (none)

Recommend for Deny

From ASU: (none)

From MCCCCD: (none)