Olli Central Winter 2019 Session
Syllabus for Understanding a Bit about Imperial China – Dynasties, Life and Culture
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Week 1 – January 17th – An Overview of Imperial China
Lecture – The First Emperor’s Terra-Cotta Warriors

Week 2 – January 24th – The Life of the Nobility
Lecture – China’s Early Golden Age: The Han Dynasty
Lecture – Amazing Ban Clan: Historian, Soldier and Woman
Additional Topics: The Sui and Tang Dynasties
Chinese Architecture

Week 3 – January 31st – Life of the Chinese Peasants
Lecture – Peasant Life on the Yellow River
Lecture – Rice, Silk and Tea – South China’s Peasants
Additional Topics: Daily Life during the Dynastic Period
Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms

Week 4 – February 7th – Life of the Spiritual and the Plight of Women
Lecture – Buddhist Monks and Daoist Recluses
Lecture – China’s Bound Feet, Wives and Widows
Additional Topic: Additional information on the Religions of Ancient China

Week 5 – February 14th – Becoming a Leader through Literature
Lecture – Life and Times of the Song Dynasty Literati
Lecture – Experiencing China’s Civil Service Exams
Additional Topics: The Song Dynasty
Literature in Ancient China

Week 6 – February 21st – Soul Stealers and Opium
Lecture – Qing Dynasty: Soul Stealers and Sedition
Lecture – Opium, Trade and War in Imperial China
Additional Topics: The Yuan Dynasty
Art in Ancient China

Week 7 – February 28th – Military Life in China
Lecture – Genghis Khan and the Rise of the Mongols
Lecture – The Great Wall and Military Life in China
Additional Topics: The Ming and Qing Dynasties
The Science of Ancient China