LU Yan
Associate Professor of History

Courses Taught:
HIST 425 Chinese Civilization
HIST 444 Voices from Modern China
HIST 500 Introduction to Historical Thinking
HIST 579 History of China in Modern Times
HIST 580 History of Japan in Modern Times
HIST 681 Society and Culture in 20th-century China
HIST 797 American Century in Asia
HIST 797 Chinese-Western Encounters
History 881: Women in Chinese History

Bio

LU Yan is a specialist of modern Chinese history. She earned her B.A. in history from Fudan University, a national key university in China, where she was named a "student of all-round achievements." After working at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences as a researcher in economic history, she came to the U.S. and earned an M.A. in history at Michigan State University with a focus on Sino-American relations. She earned another M.A. in history at Cornell University, where she also earned a Ph.D. in history.

Professor Lu has been awarded a prestigious ACLS fellowship and designated an International Studies Fellow of the SSRC. Her first book, Re-understanding Japan: Chinese Perspectives, 1895-1945, was published by the University of Hawaii Press, and her scholarly writings have appeared in edited books, including China in Meiji Japan, New Horizons of Studies on Sino-Japanese Relations (in Japanese), The Cold War in Asia, as well as journals such as Modern China, Frontiers of History in China, Sino-Japanese Studies, International Historical Review, Canadian Journal of History, and Chinese Historical Review.

Professor Lu has made teaching about China and Asia her priority since she arrived at UNH. Her teaching philosophy emphasizes on active student participation in class and on cultivating the potential of growth in every student. Some of her students have continued to graduate schools and become teachers themselves. She is currently the Coordinator of Asian Studies Program at UNH.

Research has taken Professor Lu to China, Japan and the U.K. She is completing a new book, Labor Activism and Late Colonial Rule in British Hong Kong, which draws on documents from archives in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Oxford, and London.

Research Interest:
Modern Chinese history; Transnational China; Late Colonialism in Asia.