

History 119
Teaching Assistant: Eric Platt
ewplatt@wisc.edu

Ms. Wandel
lpwandel@wisc.edu
4105 Humanities
Office hours: TR after class
& by appt.

THE MAKING OF MODERN EUROPE, 1500-1815

This course surveys the cultural, intellectual, social, political, and economic changes in Europe between 1492 and 1815. Central themes are changes in the understanding of the human person—both body and mind—and of the universe, in the organization of economy and politics. Students will explore the emergence of a global economy and its repercussions for different social groups in Europe, the Americas, and Asia, of the modern phenomenon “public opinion” and its role in politics, and of the modern sense of self.

REQUIREMENTS:

- attendance at lecture
- participation in weekly discussion section
 - completion of weekly reading assignment in advance of discussion
- two three-page essays, topics to be assigned, due in lecture
 - Thursday, September 27
 - Thursday, November 29
- in-class midterm exam, Tuesday, November 6
- final exam, December 19, 5:05 p.m.

BOOKS: the following are available at the University Bookstore:

Machiavelli, *The Prince* (Norton) [JC143 M38 1992]
Las Casas, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies* (Penguin) [F1411 C31513 1992]
John Calvin: *Selections*, edited John Dillenberger [BX9420 A32 D54 1975]
Teresa of Avila, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus* (Image) [BX4700 T4 A2 1991]
Galileo, *Discoveries and Opinions* (Anchor) [QB36 G2 G313]
Corneille, *Le Cid* (Harlan Davidson) [PQ1749 E5 L3 1986]
Hobbes, *Leviathan* (Penguin) [JC153 H65 1985]
Descartes, *Discourse on Method* (Penguin) [B1848 E5 C73 1993]
Locke, *Two Treatises*, (Cambridge) [JC153 L8 1964]
Montesquieu, *The Persian Letters* (Penguin) [[PQ2011 L5 E35 1993]
Diderot, *Rameau's Nephew* [PQ1979 A66 E5 1988]

TEXTBOOK:

The West in the World, which comes with CDs the course requires, has been ordered from UBS.

LECTURES AND READINGS:

INTRODUCTION

September 4 Of Evidence and Narratives
September 6 Orientations

THE HUMAN LANDSCAPE OF LATE MEDIEVAL EUROPE

September 11 Villages and Forests
September 13 Courts and Towns

Reading: Machiavelli, *The Prince*, entire
View: http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic_cities.html

SIXTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE

September 18 Merchants and Navigators
September 20 Conquistadores and Artisans

Reading: Las Casas, *A Short Account*, pages 3-79
View: "Envisioning the Atlantic World"
<http://www.libs.uga.edu/darchive/hargrett/maps/newworld.html>
<http://www.walkingtree.com/>

September 25 From Feudal Christianity to Bourgeois Christianity
September 27 Collars and Sleeves: Consumption and Piety

THREE-PAGE ESSAY DUE

Reading: Calvin, Selections: "Draft Ecclesiastical Ordinances – 1541"
Institutes 1559, 1560: Book I, Chapter V (pp. 333-49)
Book III, Chapter II, (pp. 372-82)
View: http://www.rijksmuseum.nl/aria/aria_assets/SK-C-6?lang=en
http://www.rijksmuseum.nl/aria/aria_artists/00017083?lang=en

October 2 The Baroque
October 4 Spain, the Society of Jesus, and Globalizing Christianity

Reading: Teresa, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus*, Table of Contents, Preface,
Chapters 1-4, 8-11, 17-18, 20, 25, 27-29
View: http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/baro/hd_baro.htm
http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Basilica_di_San_Pietro
<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/vatican/toc.html>
http://www.metmuseum.org/TOAH/hd/bern/hd_bern.htm

SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE

- October 9 Nature and Revelation
October 11 Mapping the Heavens and the Earth

Reading: Galileo, "The Starry Messenger" & "Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina"
View: <http://es.rice.edu/ES/humsoc/Galileo/>

- October 16 Monarchs
October 18 From Courts to Capitals

Reading: Corneille, *Le Cid*
View: <http://www.geocities.com/beatlefan83/history/escorial.html>

- October 23 Revolution
October 25 "Commonwealth"

Reading: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, "The Contents of the Chapters," and
Chapters 1-5, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, 21, 24
View: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/

- October 30 "Mind" & "Body"
November 1 The Instrument of Reason

Reading: Descartes, *Discourse on Method*
View: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/dreamanatomy/da_dream_arts.html

- November 6 Midterm
November 8 Harvey and the Systems of the Body

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE

- November 13 Law & Violence
November 15 Property & Liberty

Reading: Locke, *Second Treatise on Government*, Chapters I-X, XV, XVIII
View: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/brighter_lights_01.shtml
<http://www.tate.org.uk/tateetc/issue9/hogarth.htm>

- November 20 Orientalism

THANKSGIVING BREAK

- November 27 Absolutism
November 29 The Project of Enlightenment

THREE-PAGE ESSAY DUE

Memorial Library Special Collections: copies of the *Encyclopédie*

Reading: <http://www.chateauversailles.fr/en/>

December 4 Mercantilism
December 6 Capitalism and the Organization of Labor

Reading: Adam Smith, selections
Thomas Malthus, selections
revolutionary documents

View: <http://www.euratlas.net/cartogra/Rocque/index.html>
<http://www.chnm.gmu.edu/revolution/index.html>
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/empire_seapower/

1789-1815

December 11 Public Opinion & Revolution
December 13 Napoleon & the Modern Self

Reading: Diderot, *Rameau's Nephew*
View: <http://www.pbs.org/empires/napoleon/>

December 19, 5:05: Final