

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
HISTORY 352: EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE
Semester I (1988-89)

Prof. Desan
5124 Humanities

Reading:

Daniel Defoe, Moll Flanders
Georges Lefebvre, The Coming of the French Revolution
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Discourse on the Origins of Inequality
Friedrich Schiller, The Robbers
Isser Woloch, Eighteenth-Century Europe
(These books have been ordered in paperback and should be available at the University Book Store and at Brown's.)

Course Reader: There will also be a reader of xeroxed documents and articles available at Kinko's. The reader is required. Readings from the xeroxed packet are marked "R."

All students will take a one-hour exam and a final exam. A paper (5-7 pages) will also be required. We will have discussion sections every other week in place of the Friday lecture.

Week 1: INTRODUCTION

Week 2: POLITICAL STRUCTURES: French Absolutism vs. English Constitutionalism

Reading: Isser Woloch, Eighteenth-Century Europe, Ch. 1.
Duc de Saint Simon, from Memoirs (R1)
R. K. Webb, "Early Eighteenth-Century England: The Forms of Politics" (R2)

Week 3: POLITICS IN EASTERN EUROPE

Reading: Woloch, Text, pp. 60-119 & 183-214
Hans Rosenberg, "The Emergence of Dynastic Absolutism" (R3)
Marc Raeff, Intro of Peter Changes Russia (R4)
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Week 4: SOCIAL STRUCTURES

Reading: Roy Porter, "The Social Order (of England)" (R5)
Robert Darnton, "A Bourgeois Puts His World in Order" (R6)
Mack Walker, "Guilds in the German Home Towns" (R7)

Week 5: EARLY EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY CULTURE

Reading: Daniel Defoe, Moll Flanders, selected pages
Selections from Eighteenth-Century Chapbooks (R8)
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Week 6: RELIGION AND EXAM

Reading: Woloch, Text, Chapter 8.

****HOOR EXAM, Friday, October 14**

Week 7: POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND DIPLOMACY AT MID-CENTURY

Reading: Woloch, Text, pp. 36-59 & 119-35

Ritter, Selection from Frederick the Great (R9)

William Doyle, "Wider Horizons: Trade and Empire" (R10)

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Week 8: ENLIGHTENMENT

Reading: Woloch, Text, Chapter 7

Selections from The Encyclopedia and Beccaria (R11)

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, "Women and the Enlightenment"
(R12)

Franco Venturi, "Cesare Beccaria and Legal Reform"
(R13)

Week 9: THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND POLITICS

Reading: Moses Mendelssohn, "What Does Enlighten Mean?" (R14)

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Parts of Discourse on Inequality
& The Social Contract

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Week 10: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS

Reading: Woloch, Text, 135-182

Roy Porter, selections from The Social History of
England in the Eighteenth-Century (R15)

Week 11: MORE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY CULTURE

Reading: Friedrich Schiller, The Robbers

Short Selections from First Feminists (R16)

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Week 12: LATE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY POLITICS

Reading: Woloch, Text, Chapter 9

John Brewer, "Personality, Propaganda, and Ritual:
Wilkes and the Wilkesites" (R17)

Week 13: CRISIS IN THE OLD REGIME

Reading: Marc Raeff, "The Pugachev Rebellion" (R18)

William Doyle, "France: the Collapse of the Old Order"
(R19)

****PAPER DUE, 5-7 pp.** Topics will involve Schiller, Rousseau, or Defoe.

Week 14: THE COMING OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Reading: Georges Lefebvre, The Coming of the French Revolution
(pages to be announced)

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Week 15: FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEONIC EUROPE

Reading: William Doyle, "Europe in Revolution" (R20)

Gordon Wright, "Napoleon" (R21)