

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Department of History

Semester I, 1994-1995

HISTORY 531: THE EUROPEAN STATE SYSTEM 1815-1914

This course examines the relationships between the states of Europe just before the 19th century, throughout the century, and right afterwards until the outbreak of world war one. While the emphasis is on diplomacy and war, the course also stresses the larger context of international relations, especially the economic, social and cultural ties across frontiers, as well as the expanding influence of European states throughout the world in the form of imperialism and colonialism. There will be three lectures per week, but factual questions and issues of interpretation will be accepted at all times in a conversational atmosphere.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All students will take two examinations of two hours length. Each will be of equal weight in determining the final grade. They will be essay examinations with the addition of a map section, in which map items are to be identified. The first examination will be on October 26th, from 7-9 p.m. The second will be at the scheduled summary bloc period. In each examination students will select a question dealing with the general course work plus a question selected from the starred groups of specialized readings. Graduate students, honors students and selected fourth credit students will meet weekly in a research and writing seminar; discussions and reports on selected topics will lead to a scholarly paper critiqued by the seminar

class, constituting one-third of the course grade. Other fourth credit students will submit two take-home examinations, the first on November 4th, the second at the time of the summary block examination, based on readings from designated specialized readings. (See the syllabus for further details.) Grades for the two fourth credit take-home exams will become 33% of the final grade.

STUDENTS SHOULD PURCHASE: Norman Rich, Great Power Diplomacy 1814-1914 McGraw Hill, New York, etc. 1992

All other assignments are on three hour reserve in Helen White.

COURSE OUTLINE

Wed	Sep 7	Organization	F.R. Bridge & R. Bullen, <u>The Great Powers and the European State System,</u> (hereafter BB) ch.1
Fri	9	The Ancien Regime in Europe	A. Sorel <u>Europe under the Old Regime</u>
Mon	12	Transformations 1789-1814	R.R. Palmer & J. Colton, <u>A History of the Modern World,</u> 351-408
Wed.	14	The Congress of Vienna, 1815	Rich, ch. I *1 C.K. Webster <u>The Congress of Vienna</u> 117-154
Fri	16	The Congress System	Rich, ch. II *1 F. Artz <u>Reaction and Revolution 1814-1832,</u> 110-183

- Mon 19 Autocracies
C.Breunig The Age of Revolution and Reaction
1789-1850 ,169-195
- Wed. 20 Constitutionalism and Liberal Revolution
Rich,ch.IV
*2 F.Artz, 184-292
- Fri. 22 The Eastern Question 1820-1831 Rich,ch.III
*3 M.S.Anderson, The Eastern Question 1778-
1923,28-87
- Mon 26 The Eastern Question 1831-1844 Rich,ch.V
*3 M.S.Anderson,88-120
- Wed 28 The Revolutions of 1848-49 Rich,ch.VI
*4 W L Langer Political and Social
Upheaval, 351-456
- Fri 30 Napoleonic France Rich,ch.X
*5 J.P.T.Bury Napoleon and the Second Empire,
35-139
- Mon Oct. 3 Russia and the Crimean War Rich,ch.VII
*6 N.Rich Why the Crimean War? 1-122
- Wed 5 The Expanding British Empire Rich,ch.IX
*7 B.Porter The Lion's Share 1-118

- Fri 7 The Unification of Italy Rich, ch.VIII
 *8 Stuart Woolf, A History of Italy 1700-1860
 303-360, 373-389, 397-405, 418-467
- Mon 10 Germany and the Schleswig-Holstein Question
 Rich, ch.XI
 *9. Pflanze Bismarck and the Development of
Germany, ch.11-13, 15
- Wed 12 Bismarck and Prussia
 K.Pinson, Modern Germany ch.7
 and Pflanze, ch.14
- Fri 14 German Unification
 H.Holborn Modern Germany 1840-1945, ch.5
- Mon 17 Militarism Rich, ch.XII
 *10 Paul M.Kennedy The Rise and Fall of the
Great Powers, 158-249
- Wed 19 Navalism W.L.Langer, The Diplomacy of
Imperialism, ch.13
 *11 P.Kennedy, ed. The War Plans of the Great
Powers 1880-1914, ch.2-3, 5, 8

- Fri 21 R.C.Binkley, Realism and Nationalism,
ch.11-12 and A.J.P.Taylor, The Habsburg
Monarchy 1809-1918, 71-94

*12 A.J.P. Taylor, The Habsburg Monarchy
95-195
- Monday 24 Russian Imperialism and Reform
H.Hearder Europe in the Nineteenth Century
1830-1880 ch.15-16
- Wed 26 MIDTERM EXAMINATION (Note:You may find
it useful to read BB,ch.2-4 as an overview)
- Fri 28 The Balkans A J P Taylor, The Struggle for
Mastery in Europe 1848-1918 228-254

*13 W.L.Langer European Alliance and
Alignments, 323-407
- Mon 31 Bismarck's Alliances Rich,ch.XIII

*14 A.J.P.Taylor Struggle for Mastery,255-345
- Wed Nov 2 The Colonial Scramble Rich,ch.XIV-XV

*15 W L Langer Diplomacy of Imperialism,
ch.3-4,9
- Fri 4 "The Sick Man of Europe" Rich,ch.XVIII

*16 John Balfour, Lord Kinross The Ottoman
Centuries.The Rise and Fall of the Turkish
Empire, 507-622

- Mon 7 The Penetration of China and the Rise of Japan
Rich, ch. XVII
*17 D. Steed and Ian Nish, China, Japan and 19th
Century Britain, 11-76 and 79-124 (text only)
- Wed 9 FOURTH CREDIT STUDENTS TURN IN 1500 WORD
CRITICAL REVIEW OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS:
Norman Rich Why the Crimean War? or
C.K. Webster The Congress of Vienna
- Fri 11 The United States in the World Arena
Rich, ch. XIX
*18 B. Tuchman, The Proud Tower, ch. 3
and William A. Williams, The Tragedy of American
Diplomacy, ch. 1-2
- Mon 14 Germany's Search for "A Place in the Sun"
Rich, ch. XXI and A. J. P. Taylor, 372-426
*19 W. H. Dawson The German Empire, II, ch. 17, 21-22
- Wed 16 French Imperialism
D. W. Brogan, The Development of Modern France OR
France under the Republic, ch. V
*20 H. J. Priestley, France Overseas. A Study of
Modern Imperialism, 244-350

- Fri 18 British Imperialism Rich, ch. XXII
and W. Baumgart, Imperialism.
The Idea and Reality of British and French
Colonial Expansion 1880-1914, 47-90, 113-135
*21 Porter, The Lion's Share, pp. 119-232
- Mon 21 The Anglo-German Rivalry
B. Schmitt, England and Germany, 139-218
*22 E. M. Carroll, Germany and the Great Powers
347-475
- THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Mon 28 The Franco-Russian Alliance W. L. Langer,
The Diplomacy of Imperialism, ch. 1-2
*23 G. F. Kennan The Fateful Alliance.
pp. 116-192; 238-258
- Wed 30 "Spheres of Influence" H. Gollwitzer, Europe
in the Age of Imperialism, pp. 31-124
*24 W. L. Langer, Diplomacy, ch. 19, 21-22
- Fri Dec 2 Britain Emerges from Isolation W. L. Langer,
Diplomacy, ch. 23
*25 G. W. Monger, The End of Isolation, pp. 1-92
- Mon 5 Public Opinion, Social Darwinism and War
T. Hamerow, The Birth of a New Europe,
363-440

- Wed 7 Internationalism and the Peace Movement
Rich, ch. XX and
B. Tuchman, The Proud Tower, ch. 5 and
Langer, Diplomacy, ch. 17
- Fri 9 War Crises and the Arms Race
BB, ch. VII and Rich, ch. XXIII-XXIV
*26 A. J. P. Taylor, pp. 457-510 and
S. R. Williamson, Jr. Austria-Hungary and the
Origins of the First World War 1-81
- Mon 12 War Planning, Training and Mobilization
P. Kennedy, ed. The War Plans of the Great Powers,
ch. 9
*27 S. R. Williamson, Jr. The Politics of
Grand Strategy, ch. 13-15
- Wed 14 The Balkan Wars Rich, ch. XXV
*28 E. C. Helmreich The Diplomacy of the
Balkan Wars, 103-192
- Fri 16 Origins of the War
BB, ch. VIII and Rich, ch. XXVI
*29 J. Joll, The Origins of the First
World War, pp. 1-91

FOURTH CREDIT STUDENTS TURN IN AT FINAL EXAM A 1500 WORD CRITICAL
REVIEW OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS:

E. Tuchman, The Proud Tower or

J. Joll, The Origins of the First World War