

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Department of History

Semester II, 1991-1992

HISTORY 532:THE EUROPEAN STATE SYSTEM 1914 TO THE PRESENT

This course examines the relationships among the states of Europe from just before the First World War until the present day. While the emphasis is on diplomacy, war, and the changing structure of European states, 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

There will be 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 March 25, 1992, from 7-9 p.m. and will include a choice of two essays from about six. The second will be at the scheduled summary bloc period; in this examination beside a choice of questions similar to the midterm on topics covered since the midterm, students will write on a previously selected special topic based on the readings in five specific books dealing with one of seventeen topics:

- I. The first world war
- II. The peace settlement
- III. The search for stability

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IV. Bolshevik Russia and the comintern

V. Fascist Italy

VI. Hitler's aims and the Nazi system

VII. Appeasement

VIII. The second world war

IX. The cold war 1946-62

X. The restoration of western Europe

XI. NATO and the Warsaw Pact

XII. Western European unification and the Common Market

XIII. The welfare state

XIV. Nuclear terror and arms control

XV. From Stalin to Brezhnev

XVI. Communist Eastern Europe

XVII. The collapse of the Communist system

In place of the standard midterm, graduate students will write a take-home examination on one of the specialized sets of readings (DUE MARCH 25 AT 7 P.M.), selecting a second group of readings for the final examination, along with their choice of question on topics dealing with the course since the midterm. Fourth credit students will meet biweekly in a research and writing seminar; discussions and reports on selected topics will lead to a scholarly paper critiqued by the seminar.

Basic text: H.S. Hughes and James Wilkinson, Contemporary Europe (Seventh ed., Prentice-Hall, 1991)

Additional assignments are in books on three-hour reserve in Helen C. White.

HISTORY 532 COURSE SCHEDULE

- Wed.22 Jan Course organization
- Fri.24 Jan The Origins of the First World War Text,ch.1
- Mon.27 Jan Alliance Politics Text,ch.2 & D.Stevenson,
The First World War,ch.2 [D511.S816]
- Wed.29 Jan War transforms the European States Arno Mayer
Political Origins of the New Diplomacy,ch.2-3
[D610.M33]
- Fri.31 Jan Revolutions Text,ch.3
- Mon.Feb 3 The Paris Peace Settlement Text,ch.4
- Wed.Feb 5 The League Experiment G.Mangone,A Short History of
International Affairs,ch.5[JX1938.M25]
- Fri.Feb.7 The New State System Text,ch.6
- Mon.Feb.10 Fascist Italy Text,pp.23-230 & D.Mack Smith
Mussolini's Roman Empire,ch.3-8 [DG 571.M22]
- Wed.Feb.12 Reintroducing Germany to the European System
H.Gatzke,Stresemann and the Rearmament of Germany
121pp.[DD231.S83.G3]
- Fri.Feb.14 Parliamentary Democracy in the Twenties
Text,ch.5
- Mon.Feb.17 The Impact of the Depression on European States
Text,ch.8
- Wed.Feb.19 The Colonial System L.H.Gann,ed.The History and
Politics of Colonialism,vol.II,ch.1,3,11 [DT31.G347]
- Fri.Feb.21 National Socialism Text,pp.230-245 & K.D.Bracher,The
German Dictatorship,ch.5,7[DD256.5B66313]
- Mon.Feb.24 Stalinism Text,ch.10

- Wed.Feb.26 The Spanish Civil War and European politics
Paul Preston, The Spanish Civil War, ch.4-6[xxxxxx]
- Mon.Mar.2 The Second World War in Europe Text, ch.13
- Wed.Mar.4 The Grand Alliance J.Snell Illusion and Necessity, ch.3
[D748.S57]
- Fri.Mar.6 America and the Cold War Eric F.Goldman, The Crucial
Decade and After, ch.3-6 [E813.G6]
- SPRING BREAK
- Mon.Mar.16 The Polarization of Europe W.Z.Laqueur, Europe since
Hitler, pp.37-121 [D1051.L3]
- Wed, Mar.18 NATO L.Kaplan, et al. eds., NATO After Forty Years
pp.33-87 [JX 1393.N67.N33]
- Fri.Mar.20 The Communist Bloc Text.ch.14
- Mon.Mar.23 West European Recovery and Unification Text.ch.15
- Wed.Mar.25 MIDTERM EXAMINATION
- Fri.Mar.27 Interest Politics and the Management of Dissent
Text, pp.475-490; 502-531
- Mon.Mar 30 Soviet Foreign Policy Z.Brzezinski, The Soviet
Bloc, ch.4-7 [D847.B.7]
- Wed.April 1 The Decolonization Process and Europe Text, ch.18
- Fri.April 3 The European Community Anthony Kerr, The Common Market
and How it Works, ch.1-5[HC 241.2K45]
- Mon.April 6 Arms Control Samuel Payne, Jr. The Soviet Union and
SALT, 110pp[JX1974.75.P39]
- Wed.April 8 Radical Politics George Katsiaficas
The Imagination of the New Left, pp.49-116[JC328.3.K38]
- Fri.April 10 Conservative Politics Text, pp.539-580
- Mon.April 13 The Disintegration of the Communist Ideological System

- Wed. April 15 The Disintegration of the Communist Empire
Text, pp. 490-501; 532-538; 581-594
- Fri. April 17 Problems of Eastern Europe since Communism
- April 20 The Nationalities Issue in the Soviet Union
- Wed. April 22 The Disintegration of the Soviet Union
- Fri. April 24 The Promise and Threat of "1992"
- Mon. April 27 Regional problems of the Common Market
- Wed. April 29 The Future of Neutrality
- Fri. May 1 The role of the United States and Anti-American
politics
- Mon. May 4 Neo-Fascist movements, east and west
- Wed. May 6 Is there a European State System?
- Fri. May 8 The One-Europe dream

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BOOK LISTS BY TOPIC FOR HISTORY 532

THE FIRST WORLD WAR

- Fischer, Fritz Germany's Aims in the First World War(1967)ch.1,3-4,8,11,15-20[D515.F2713]
Laqueur,Walter and George Mosse,eds. 1914:the Coming of the First World War(1966),pp.108-188[D511.N4815]
Rudin,Harry Armistice 1918(1967)pp.266-421[D641.R8]
Stevenson,David The First World War and International Politics (1988),ch.2,4,5[D511.S816]

THE PEACE SETTLEMENT

- Birdsall,Paul Versailles Twenty Years After(1941,1962),, ch.6-10[D643.AA7B5]
Carr,E.H. International Relations between the Two World Wars 1919-1939(1965),pp.3-78[D443.C29.5]
Holborn,Hajo The Political Collapse of Europe(1964),pp.87-137 [D424.H5]
Nicolson,Harold Peacemaking 1919 (1965)pp.215-325 [D644.N36]
Stevenson,David The First World War and International Politics (1988),ch.ch.6[D511.S816]

THE SEARCH FOR STABILITY

- Carr,E.H. The Twenty Years' Crisis(1939,1964),ch.3-8 [JX3091.C3]
Gathorne-Hardy,G. A Short History of International Affairs(1950) Part II [D443.G24]
Gatzke,Hans Stresemann and the Rearmament of Germany(1954) 121pp.[DD231.S83.G3]
Orde,Anne Great Britain and International Security 1920-1926(1978) ch.1-5 [DA 578.073]
Wolfers,Arnold Britain and France between Two Wars(1940), ch.1-8 [D443.W63]

BOLSHEVIK RUSSIA AND THE COMINTERN

- Carr,E.H. German-Soviet Relations between the Two World Wars 1919-1939(1951)[DD120RB.C3]
Deutscher,Isaac Stalin.A Political Biography(1967)ch.9-11 [DK268.S8D478]
Drachkovitch,M.M.ed. The Revolutionary Internationals, Part II[HX11.I5D66]
Fisher,Louis The Soviets in World Affairs,(1951)ch.6-15[DK63.F5]
Kennan,George F. Russia and the West under Lenin and Stalin(1961) ch.7-11 [DK63.3.K38]

FASCIST ITALY

- Cassels,Alan Fascist Italy(1968)ch.1-4[DG571.C425]
Currey,Muriel Italy's Foreign Policy 1918-1932(1932)ch.5-7 [Cutter JY36.C93]
Macartney,M.H.H. and Paul Cremona Italy's Foreign and Colonial Policy,1914-1937(1938)ch.6-10[DG571.M2]
Mack Smith,Denis Mussolini's Roman Empire(1976),ch.3-15 [DG571.M22]
Wiskemann,Elizabeth Fascism in Italy.Its Development and Influence(1969),ch.5-10[DG571.W5]