THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN Department of History

Semester I Year 1985

COURSE NO. COURSE TITLE

INSTRUCTOR

572

European Women in the Inter-war Period, 1918-1939

Worzala

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines in depth the experience of European women over a relatively short period of time, the inter-war years from 1918 to 1939. Drawing upon both primary and secondary sources, we investigate the impact of World War I, the Russian Revolution, the Great Depression, and the rise of fascism on women's economic, legal, and social position, as well as on their sexual and reproductive lives. We also survey women's participation in the political, intellectual, and cultural movements of these crucial decades and trace the fate of European feminism between the wars.

(Students can contact instructor at her office (5131 Humanities) for permission to enroll in 572. She will be in her office from 9 am to 3 pm on August 26, 27, 28, and 29.)

LECTURES

Although the instructor will give occasional lectures, the majority of class time will be devoted to discussion of the assigned readings. Each student will be expected to lead one class discussion.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

five-page critical essay on one week's reading eight-to-ten-page comprehensive essay

GRADING SYSTEM

short essay 30% comprehensive essay 50% participation in discussion 20%

REQUIRED READINGS

Brittain, Testament of Youth
De Beauvoir, When Things of the Spirit Come First
Hall, Dear Dr. Stopes
Spender, Time and Tide Wait For No Man
Woolf, Three Guineas

Kollantai, Love of Worker

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