

University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Department of History
 Semester II, 1992-93

History 572.

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Democracy and Politics in Modern Europe

This seminar will examine selected themes in the development of democratic regimes in nineteenth and twentieth century Western Europe. We will examine the transition from old regimes to democratic ones, and discuss when and how "modern politics" developed. We will pay particular attention to voter behavior by looking into such issues as authoritarian regimes backed by universal suffrage (Bonapartism); the growth of parliamentary socialism; the question of who voted for Hitler; and the debate concerning women's suffrage.

Requirements: Students are required to do the readings and participate in weekly class discussions. Attendance is mandatory. Two 5 page papers as well as a 15 page essay on a topic to be agreed upon with the instructor. Grading will be based on class participation and the papers.

Starred books are available for purchase at the University Book Store. All books and articles are on 3 hour reserve at Helen C. White Library.

Week 1. Introduction

Week 2. The Fall of the Old Regime

William Doyle, Origins of the French Revolution, pp. 43-77; 115-157; 168-213.

Gordon Wright, France in Modern Times, pp. 43-66.

Week 3. The Revolution and New Forms of Political Practice

*Lynn Hunt, Politics, Culture and Class in the French Revolution, pp. 1-16; 19-51; 87-119; 149-179; 213-236.

Week 3. The Persistence of the Old Regime in the Nineteenth Century: The Nobility and the Bourgeoisie

*Arno Mayer, The Persistence of the Old Regime. Europe to the Great War, pp. 3-127.

Ralph Gibson, "The French Nobility in the Nineteenth Century -- particularly in the Dordogne," in Jolyon Howorth and Philip Cerny, Elites in France: Origins, Reproduction and Power, pp. 5-45.

Week 4. The Persistence of the Old Regime in the Nineteenth Century: Politics.

*Arno Mayer, The Persistence of the Old Regime. Europe to the Great War, pp. 129-187; 189-210; 275-329.

Week 5. Democracy and the Rise of Bonapartism

*Maurice Agulhon, The Republican Experiment 1848-1852, pp. 1-104; 130-160; 166-75; 187-195.

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Week 6. The Italian Monarchy

*Denis Mack Smith, Italy and its Monarchy, pp. 3-143.

Week 7. Monarchy, Democracy, and Fascism: The Italian Case.

*Denis Mack Smith, Italy and its Monarchy, pp. 147-182; 197-275; 287-330.

Week 8. Spring Break

Week 9. The Birth of Modern Political Parties: German Social Democracy.

*Carl Schorske, German Social Democracy, ch. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Week 10. German Social Democracy II

*Carl Schorske, German Social Democracy, ch. 7, 9, 11, 12 (and parts of ch. 10 -- pp. TBA)

J. P. Nettl, "The German Social Democratic Party as a Political Model, Past and Present no. 30 (1965): 65-95.

Richard J. Evans, "Women's Suffrage and the Left," in Richard Evans, Comrades and Sisters. Feminism, Socialism and Pacifism in Europe 1870-1945, pp. 66-92.

Ute Frevert, Women in German History. From Bourgeois Emancipation to Sexual Liberation, pp. 138-147.

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Week 11. The Exclusion of Women: Suffrage in France

*Steven C. Hause, Women's Suffrage and Social Politics in the French Third Republic, pp. 1-101; 169-190; 212-248.

Week 12. Women's Suffrage in Great Britain

Sandra Stanley Holton, Feminism and Democracy. Women's Suffrage and Reform Politics in Britain 1900-1918, pp. 1-75.

Susan Kent, Sex and Suffrage in Britain 1860-1914, pp. 3-23; 157-219.

Week 13. Giving the Vote to Women, Broadening Male Suffrage, and Thinking about the "Unheard"

Sandra Stanley Holton, Feminism and Democracy. Women's Suffrage and Reform Politics in Britain 1900-1918, pp. 134-153.

*Steven C. Hause, Women's Suffrage and Social Politics in the French Third Republic, pp. 248-281.

Ross McKibbin, "The Franchise Factor in the Rise of the Labour Party," in Ross McKibbin, The Ideologies of Class. Social Relations in Britain 1880-1950, pp. 66-100.

Mercedes Vilanova, "Anarchism, Political Participation, and Illiteracy in Barcelona between 1934 and 1936," American Historical Review, vol. 97 (February 1992): 96-120.

Week 14. Who Voted for Hitler? (I)

*Thomas Childers, The Nazi Voter, pp. 1-49; 119-224.

Week 15. Who Voted for Hitler? (II)

*Thomas Childers, The Nazi Voter, pp. 262-269.

Jürgen Falter and Reinhard Zintl, "The Economic Crisis of the 1930s and the Nazi Vote," Journal of Interdisciplinary History XIX (1988): 55-85.

Thomas Childers, "Who, Indeed, did Vote for Hitler?," Central European History XVII (1984): 45-53.

Jürgen Falter, "The National Socialist Mobilisation of New Voters: 1928-1933," in Thomas Childers, ed., The Formation of the Nazi Constituency 1919-1933, pp. 202-231.

Thomas Childers, "The Limits of National Socialist Mobilisation: the Elections of 6 November 1932 and the Fragmentation of the Nazi Constituency" in Thomas Childers, ed., The Formation of the Nazi Constituency 1919-1933, pp. 233-259.

Week 16. Women and National Socialism

*Claudia Koonz, Mothers in the Fatherland, pp. 1-49; 177-219; 387-429.

*** 15 PAGE PAPER DUE MONDAY MAY 10 BY 12 NOON ***