

University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Department of History
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History 868

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 263-1805

Seminar in Modern French History

This course will focus on key issues in the political, social and cultural history of France in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Particular attention will be given to contemporary historiographical debates (on both sides of the Atlantic) on such topics as working class history in the nineteenth century or the Vichy régime.

Requirements: Two short (5-7 pages) review essays and one long paper (15-17 pages) on a topic to be agreed upon with the instructor. Students will also be responsible for leading at least one discussion.

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

Week 1. Sept. 4

Introduction

Week 2. Sept. 11

Understanding French Culture

* Raymonde Carroll, Cultural Misunderstandings (Chicago, 1990) (read entire book).

Week 3. Sept. 18

1848

* Maurice Agulhon, The Republican Experiment (Cambridge UP, 1983) (read entire book).

Maurice Agulhon, The Republic in the Village (Cambridge, 1982), pp. vii-xvi; 1-14; 295-304.

Mark Traugott, "The Crowd in the French Revolution of 1848," American Historical Review 93 (June 1988): 638-652.

Ted Margadant, French Peasants in Revolt. The Insurrection of 1851 (Princeton, 1979), introduction and pp. 336-344.

Week 4. Sept. 25

Peasants and Politics

Eugen Weber, Peasants into Frenchmen (Stanford, 1976), pp. 241-277; 485-496.

Tony Judt, Socialism in Provence (Cambridge, 1979), pp. ix-xi; 23-52; 100-174; 217-238; 254-280.

Laura Levine Frader, Peasants and Protest. Agricultural Workers, Politics, and Unions in the Aude (Berkeley, 1991), pp. 1-13; 60-77; 78-98; 99-113; 162-170.

Edward Berenson, "Politics and the French Peasantry: the Debate Continues," Social History, vol 12. no. 2, pp. 213-229.

Ted W. Margadant, "Tradition and Modernity in Rural France during the Nineteenth Century," Journal of Modern History LVI, no. 4, pp. 667-697.

Week 5. Oct. 2

Understanding Violence and Rural Politics

* Alain Corbin, The Village of Cannibals (Cambridge, Mass, 1992) (read entire book).

Nancy Fitch, "Mass Culture, Mass Parliamentary Politics, and Modern Anti-Semitism: The Dreyfus Affair in Rural France," American Historical Review 97 (Feb 1992): 55-95.

Week 6. Oct. 9

Workers

* Tony Judt, Marxism and the French Left (Oxford, 1986), pp. 24-114.

* Michelle Perrot, Workers on Strike (New York, 1987), pp. 1-24; 144-187; 208-319.

Gérard Noiriel, Workers in French Society in the 19th and 20th Centuries (New York, 1990), 1-32; 73-107.

*** FIRST PAPER DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 9 ***

Week 7. Oct. 16

Religion

Caroline Ford, "Religion and the Politics of Cultural Change in Provincial France: The Resistance of 1902 in Lower Brittany," Journal of Modern History 62 (March 1990): 1-33.

Ralph Gibson, A Social History of French Catholicism in the Nineteenth Century (London, 1989), pp. 56-80; 102-126; 158-273.

François-André Isambert and Jean-Paul Terrenoire, Atlas de la pratique religieuse des catholiques en France (Paris, 1980). Look at maps pp. 34, 36, 60-1, 175-6.

Week 8. Oct. 23

Gender and Society

* Edward Berenson, The Trial of Madame Caillaux (Berkeley, 1991), pp. 1-42; 89-132; 169-207; 240-247.

* Bonnie Smith, Ladies of the Leisure Class (Princeton, 1981), pp. 3-17; 34-49; 53-92; 123-186; 214-217.

Week 9. Oct. 30

Labor and Management in the Twentieth Century

* Herrick Chapman, State Capitalism and Working Class Radicalism in the French Aircraft Industry (Berkeley, 1991), pp. 1-11; 15-42; 73-147; 175-229; 233-235; 256-316

Week 10. Nov. 6

The Left

Tyler Stovall, The Rise of the Paris Red Belt (Berkeley, 1990), pp. 1-61; 102-108; 109-178

* Tony Judt, Marxism and the French Left, pp. 115-168.

Tony Judt, Socialism in Provence, pp. 281-310.

Michel Hastings, Halluin-la-Rouge 1919-1939 (Lille, 1991), pp. TBA.

Annie Fourcaut, Bobigny, banlieue rouge (Paris, 1986), pp. 11-16; 195-200.

Week 11. Nov. 13

The Right and the Problem of "French Fascism"

René Rémond, The Right Wing in France (Philadelphia, 1969), pp. 19-31; 254-307.

Zeev Sternhell, Neither Right nor Left (Berkeley, 1986), pp. 1-31; 90-118; 266-303.

Robert J. Soucy, French Fascism, 1924-1933 (New Haven, 1986), pp. xi-xix; 1-26; 217-241.

William D. Irvine, "Fascism in France and the Strange Case of the Croix de Feu," Journal of Modern History 63 (June 1991): 271-295.

Robert Wohl, "French Fascism, both Right and Left: Reflections on the Sternhell Controversy," Journal of Modern History 63 (March 1991): 91-98.

Week 12. Nov. 20

Vichy France

* Robert Paxton, Vichy France (New York, 1982 -- NB: pages refer to the Columbia U.P. edition), pp. 1-135; 136-185; 228-233; 330-383.

Roderick Kedward, Resistance in Vichy France (Oxford, 1982), pp. 229-248.

Week 13. Nov. 27

*** SECOND PAPER DUE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24 BY 5:00 PM ***

Thanksgiving

Week 14. Dec. 4

Collective Memory in Post-War France

Henry Rousso, The Vichy Syndrome (Cambridge, Mass., 1991), pp. 1-131; 168-216 (skim); 219-226; 227-240 (skim); 241-271; 272-292 (skim); 293-306.

Denis Peschanski et al., Histoire politique et sciences sociales (Bruxelles, 1991), pp. 243-278.

Week 15. Dec 11

Social Change since 1945

* Susan Carol Rogers, Shaping Modern Times in Rural France
(Princeton, 1991), pp. 1-100; 127-153; 188-214.

Donald Reid, The Miners of Decazeville. A Genealogy of
Deindustrialization (Cambridge, Mass., 1985), pp. 1-8;
188-217.

Henri Mendras, Social Change in Modern France. Towards a
Cultural Anthropology of the Fifth Republic (Cambridge,
1991), pp. 1-12; 15-48; 80-91.

*** FINAL PAPER DUE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16 BY 5:00 PM ***

