**HIS 1301**

**History of Modern Europe**

**Spring 2014**

**MWF 1:00-1:50, Anderson 008**

**Course Description:** This course focuses on major developments in Europe from the18th through the 20th centuries. Europeans in this period gave shape to the modern state system, spurred the industrial revolution, and founded global empires. They also triggered revolutions, engaged in constant warfare with each other and many non-European peoples, and gave birth to new ideologies such as Communism, Fascism, and Nazism. During this period, Europe also made important advances in science, technology, the humanities and the arts that gave shape to the modern world. This course surveys these developments by drawing on the work of contemporary historians as well as a wide array of primary sources, including novels, memoirs, musical and visual materials. The course provides a basic foundation for further course work in any field of modern history.

[NOTE: This course can be used to satisfy the university Core International Studies (IS) requirement. Although it may be usable towards graduation as a major requirement or university elective, it cannot be used to satisfy any of the university GenEd requirements.]

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**Books:** Please purchase the following books at the Temple Bookstore or from an off-campus or online vender. All other readings will be available online or will be distributed in class.

* Patricia Clavin and Asa Briggs, *Modern Europe, 1789-Present,* 2nd Edition. Longman Publishing Group, 2003. (ISBN 10: **0582772605)**
* Anonymous, *A Woman in Berlin: Eight Weeks in the Conquered City: A Diary*. Picador, 2006. (ISBN 10: 0312426119)
* Frantz Fanon, *A Dying Colonialism*. Translated by Haakon Chevalier. Grove Press, 1994. (ISBN 10: 0802150271)

**Assignments:** Students are expected to attend all classes, complete all readings, hand in all assignments on time, and participate in discussions regularly. Frequent absences, late arrivals, or early departures and failures to complete all assignments may result in a failing grade for the entire course.

1. **Attendance and Participation:** Active participation is the key to a high grade in the course. It not only means regularly attending class but also coming prepared and contributing to discussion. Your participation grade will be determined by the quality and quantity of your contributions. Excessive absences will result in a failure for the course. (15 points)
2. **Weekly quizzes:** Every now and again, I will you give you a quiz related to the assigned reading for that particular day or week. You will have 5-10 minutes to write a response to the question, and the quiz is open-note. Your answer will be graded on the level of detail, the quality of your response, and your ability to link the readings to broader themes discussed in class that week. There will be 6 quizzes during the semester, and the lowest grade of the 6 will be dropped. (5 quizzes, 5 points each, 25 total)
3. **Short Writing Assignments:** During the semester you will complete two short (4-6 page) writing assignments. These will function as think pieces and opportunities to flesh out subjects of interest related to the course. (2 papers, 10 points each)
4. **Exams:** You will be given a mid-term exam (June 10) and a Final Exam (July 1). These exams will take roughly an hour to complete and will consist of ID’s, short answers, and an essay question. (2 exams, 20 points each)
   1. **Final PaperOption:** One short writing assignment, midterm, final paper (8 pages, 30 points)

Schedule:

Wed. January 22 – Introductions

Fri. January 24 – Early Modern Europe

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 1

**Primary Readings:** Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Social Contract* <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/rousseau-contract2.asp>;

Mon. January 27 – French Revolution: Origins

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 1

**Primary Reading**: Abbé Emmanuel Sieyès, *What is the Third Estate?* <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/sieyes.asp>; Arthur Young, *Travels in France* <http://history.hanover.edu/texts/young.html>

Wed. January 29 – French Revolution: Rise and Fall of Napoleon

**Secondary Reading:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 1

**Primary Readings:** National Assembly, *Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen*<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/rightsof.asp>; Maximilien Robespierre, *Justification of the Use of Terror* <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/robespierre-terror.asp>

Fri. January 31 – French Revolution: Global Consequences

**Secondary Readings:** Lloyd S. Kramer, “The French Revolution and the creation of American political culture, “ in *Global Ramifications of the French Revolution* (handout)

**Primary Reading:** Johann Gottlieb Fichte, *Addresses to the German Nation* (1807/1808) <http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/pdf/eng/12_EnlightPhilos_Doc.8_English.pdf>

Mon. February 3 – Metternich, the Restoration, and the Concert of Europe

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 2

**Primary Readings:** Metternich, *Political Confessions of Faith*  (1820) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1820metternich.asp>; *Carlsbad Decrees* (1819) <http://history.hanover.edu/texts/carlsbad.html>;

Wed. February 5 – The Industrial Revolution: Part I

**Secondary Readings:** Hobsbawm, *The Age of Revolution*, Chapter 2 (handout)

**Primary Readings:** Friedrich Engels, *The Condition of the Working-Class in England in 1844* (Introduction, The Industrial Proletariat) <http://www.egs.edu/library/friedrich-engels/articles/the-condition-of-the-working-class-in-england-in-1844-with-a-preface-written-in-1892/introduction/>

Fri. February 7 – Revolutions in Greece and Belgium

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 2

**Primary Readings:** Lord Byron, *The Isles of Greece*  <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/byron-greece.asp>

Mon. February 10 – Liberal and National Challenges to Restoration Europe

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 3

**Primary Readings:** Giuseppe Mazzini, *On Nationality as a key to Social Development* (1852) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1852mazzini.asp>

Wed. February 12 – Revolutions of 1848

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 3

**Primary Readings:** Alphonse de Lamartine, *History of the Revolution of 1848 in France* (1849) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1848lamartine.asp>

Fri. February 14- Era of National Unifications: Part I

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 3

**Primary Readings:** Documents of German Unification (1848-1871) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/germanunification.asp>

Mon. February 17 – Era of National Unifications: Part II

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 3

**Primary Readings:** Documents of Italian Unification (1841-1861) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1861italianunif.asp>

Wed. February 19 – The Industrial Revolution and the Rise of the Left, Part II

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 4

**Primary Readings:** Karl Marx, *Communist Manifesto* (1848) <http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/>

Fri. February 21 – *Burn* (movie – on reserve in the library – go and watch it – no class)

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 4

Mon. February 24 – *Burn* (movie – on reserve in the library – go and watch it – no class)

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 4

Wed. February 26 – New Imperialism

**Secondary Readings:** *King Leopold’s Ghost*, Part I

**Primary Readings:** Rudyard Kipling, “White Man’s Burden” (1899) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/kipling.asp>

Fri. February 28 – New Imperialism: King Leopold’s Ghost

**Secondary Readings:** *King Leopold’s Ghost*, Part I

Mon. March 3 **Spring Break**

Wed. March 5 **Spring Break**

Fri. March 7 **Spring Break**

Mon. March 10 – New Imperialism: King Leopold’s Ghost

**Secondary Readings:** *King Leopold’s Ghost*, Part II

Wed. March 12 – World War I: Part I

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 6

**Primary Readings:** Private Donald Fraser, *My Daily Journal* (1915-1916) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1918Fraser.asp>

Fri. March 14 – World War I: Part II

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 6

**Primary Reading:** Rosa Luxembourg, “The War and the Workers”(1916) <https://www.h-net.org/~german/gtext/kaiserreich/lux.html>

Mon. March 17 – World War I: Part III

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 6

**Primary Readings:** Woodrow Wilson, “Speech on the Fourteen Points, January 8, 1919” <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1918wilson.asp>

Wed. March 19 - **Midterm**

Fri. March 21 – The Russian Revolution

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 7

**Primary Readings:** Lenin, *What is to be Done* (1902) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1902lenin.asp>; “Declaration of the Rights of the Toiling and Exploited Peoples” (1917) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/modsbook39.asp>

Mon.. March 24 – Interwar Europe

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 7

**Primary Readings:** John Maynard Keynes, *Economic Consequences of the Peace* (1920) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/modsbook41.asp>

Wed. March 26 – Rise of Fascism

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 8

**Primary Readings:** Benito Mussolini, *What is Fascism?*(1932) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/mussolini-fascism.asp>

Fri. March 28 – Nazi Germany: Part I

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 8

**Primary Readings:** Adolf Hitler, “The Discovery of Antisemitism in Vienna” (1932) <https://www.h-net.org/~german/gtext/kaiserreich/hitler1.html>

Mon. March 31 – Nazi German: Part II

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 8

**Primary Readings:** Wansee Conference Minutes (1942) <http://www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/holocaust/h-wannsee.htm>

Wed. April 2 – World War II: Part I

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 9

**Primary Readings:** The Munich Pact (Sept. 1938) <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/imt/munich1.asp>; Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (1939) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1939pact.asp>; Atlantic Charter (August 1941) <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/wwii/atlantic.asp>

Fri.. April 4 – World War II: Part II

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 9

**Primary Readings:** Anonymous, *A Woman in Berlin*, ix-133

Mon. April 7 – World War II: Part III

**Primary Readings:** Anonymous, *A Woman in Berlin*, 134-261

Wed. April 9 – The Cold War: Part I

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 10

**Primary Readings:** Winston S. Churchill, “Iron Curtain Speech” (March 1946) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/churchill-iron.asp>; Stalin’s Response (1946) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/modsbook46.asp#The Cold War>

Fri. April 11 – The Cold War: Part II

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 10

**Primary Readings:** Truman Doctrine (1947) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1947TRUMAN.asp> ; Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1948HUMRIGHT.asp>

Mon. April 14 – Rebuilding a Divided Europe

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 11

**Primary Readings:** Yalta Conference (1945) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1945YALTA.asp>; Treaty of Rome (1957) <http://www.hri.org/docs/Rome57/>; “Friendship and Cooperation…” (1956) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1956soviet-coop1.asp>; Charles de Gaulle, “Europe and Its Role in World Affairs” (July 1964) <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1964-degaulle-europe1.asp>

Wed. April 16 – The End of European Empire: Part I

**Secondary Readings:** Frantz Fanon, *A Dying Colonialism* (1965), pp1-90.

Fri. April 18 – The End of European Empire: Part II

**Secondary Readings:** Frantz Fanon, *A Dying Colonialism* (1965), pp90-181.

Mon. April 21 – *Battle of Algiers*

**Primary Readings:** Frantz Fanon, *Concerning Violence* (1961) <http://opencuny.org/psg/files/2011/10/Frantz-Fanon-Concerning-Violence-trans.-Farrington.pdf>

Wed. April 23 – *Battle of Algiers*

**Primary Readings:** Frantz Fanon, *Concerning Violence* (1961) <http://opencuny.org/psg/files/2011/10/Frantz-Fanon-Concerning-Violence-trans.-Farrington.pdf>

Fri. April 25 – Europe and the Global Sixties

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe,* Chapter 11

**Primary Readings:** Ulrike Meinhof, “From Protest to Resistance” (May 1968) <http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/sub_document.cfm?document_id=895>

Mon. April 28 – The Fall of Communism: Part I

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 10

**Primary Readings:** TBD

Wed. April 30 – The Fall of Communism: Part II

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 10

**Primary Readings:** Excerpt from Chernyaev’s Diary (10 November 1989) <http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/19991105/891110.htm>

Fri. May 2 – European Community, European Union

**Secondary Readings:** *Modern Europe*, Chapter 11

**Primary Readings:** The Treaty of Maastricht (February 1992) <http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/institutional_affairs/treaties/treaties_maastricht_en.htm>

Mon. May 5 – Soccer Nationalisms and the Construction of Europe

**Secondary Readings:** Lechner, F.J. (2007), “Imagined communities in the global game: soccer and the development of Dutch national identity.” *Global Networks* 7: 215–229

Wed. May 7 – Wrap Up, Final Review, Questions on Final Paper

**Final** TBD

**\*Final Paper Due**: Wed. May 14 via email.