The Making of Modern Europe, 1500-1815

This course surveys the cultural, intellectual, social, political, and economic changes in Europe between 1492 and 1815. Central themes are changes in the understanding of the human person—both body and mind—and of the universe, in the organization of economy and politics. Students will explore the emergence of a global economy and its repercussions for different social groups in Europe, the Americas, and Asia, of the modern phenomenon “public opinion” and its role in politics, and of the modern sense of self.

Requirements:
- attendance at lecture
- participation in weekly discussion section
  - completion of weekly reading assignment in advance of discussion
- two three-page essays, topics to be assigned, due in lecture
  - Thursday, September 27
  - Thursday, November 29
- in-class midterm exam, Tuesday, November 6
- final exam, December 19, 5:05 p.m.

Books: the following are available at the University Bookstore:
Las Casas, A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies (Penguin) [F1411 C31513 1992]
John Calvin: Selections, edited John Dillenberger [BX9420 A32 D54 1975]
Teresa of Avila, The Life of Teresa of Jesus (Image) [BX4700 T4 A2 1991]
Galileo, Discoveries and Opinions (Anchor) [QB36 G2 G313]
Corneille, Le Cid (Harlan Davidson) [PQ1749 E5 L3 1986]
Hobbes, Leviathan (Penguin) [JC153 H65 1985]
Descartes, Discourse on Method (Penguin) [B1848 E5 C73 1993]
Locke, Two Treatises, (Cambridge) [JC153 L8 1964]
Diderot, Rameau’s Nephew [PQ1979 A66 E5 1988]

Textbook:

The West in the World, which comes with CDs the course requires, has been ordered from UBS.
LECTURES AND READINGS:

INTRODUCTION
September 4  Of Evidence and Narratives
September 6  Orientations

THE HUMAN LANDSCAPE OF LATE MEDIEVAL EUROPE
September 11  Villages and Forests
September 13  Courts and Towns

Reading: Machiavelli, *The Prince*, entire
View:  http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic_cities.html

SIXTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE
September 18  Merchants and Navigators
September 20  Conquistadores and Artisans

Reading: Las Casas, *A Short Account*, pages 3-79
View:  “Envisioning the Atlantic World”
       http://www.libs.uga.edu/darchive/hargrett/maps/neworld.html
       http://www.walkingtree.com/

September 25  From Feudal Christianity to Bourgeois Christianity
September 27  Collars and Sleeves: Consumption and Piety

THREE-PAGE ESSAY DUE

Reading: Calvin, Selections:  “Draft Ecclesiastical Ordinances – 1541”
       *Institutes* 1559, 1560: Book I, Chapter V (pp. 333-49)
       Book III, Chapter II, (pp. 372-82)
View:  http://www.rijksmuseum.nl/aria/aria_assets/SK-C-6?lang=en
       http://www.rijksmuseum.nl/aria/aria_artists/00017083?lang=en

October 2  The Baroque
October 4  Spain, the Society of Jesus, and Globalizing Christianity

Reading: Teresa, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus*, Table of Contents, Preface,
       Chapters 1-4, 8-11, 17-18, 20, 25, 27-29
View:  http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/baro/hd_baro.htm
       http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Basilica_di_San_Pietro
       http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/vatican/toc.html
       http://www.metmuseum.org/TOAH/hd/bern/hd_bern.htm
**Seventeenth-Century Europe**

October 9  Nature and Revelation  
October 11  Mapping the Heavens and the Earth  

Reading: Galileo, “The Starry Messenger” & “Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina”  
View: http://es.rice.edu/ES/humsoc/Galileo/  

October 16  Monarchs  
October 18  From Courts to Capitals  

Reading: Corneille, *Le Cid*  
View: http://www.geocities.com/beatlefan83/history/escorial.html  

October 23  Revolution  
October 25  “Commonwealth”  

View: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/  

October 30  “Mind” & “Body”  
November 1  The Instrument of Reason  

Reading: Descartes, *Discourse on Method*  

November 6  Midterm  
November 8  Harvey and the Systems of the Body  

**Eighteenth-Century Europe**

November 13  Law & Violence  
November 15  Property & Liberty  

Reading: Locke, *Second Treatise on Government*, Chapters I-X, XV, XVIII  
View: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/brighter_lights_01.shtml  

November 20  Orientalism  

**Thanksgiving Break**  

November 27  Absolutism  
November 29  The Project of Enlightenment  

Three-Page Essay Due  

Memorial Library Special Collections: copies of the *Encyclopédie*
December 4  Mercantilism
December 6  Capitalism and the Organization of Labor

Reading: Adam Smith, selections  
    Thomas Malthus, selections  
    revolutionary documents  
View:  http://www.euratlas.net/cartogra/Rocque/index.html  
    http://www.chnm.gmu.edu/revolution/index.html  
    http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/empire_seapower/

1789-1815
December 11  Public Opinion & Revolution
December 13  Napoleon & the Modern Self

Reading: Diderot, Rameau’s Nephew  
View: http://www.pbs.org/empires/napoleon/

December 19, 5:05: Final