The Making of Modern Europe, 1500-1815

This course surveys the cultural, intellectual, social, political, and economic changes in Europe between 1492 and 1815. We shall explore changes in the understanding of the human person—both body and mind—and of the universe; the repercussions of a global economy for different groups in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia; the articulation of new forms of political power and economic organization; and the emergence of the modern sense of self.

Requirements:
• attendance at lecture
• map assignments
• participation in weekly discussion section
  ☛ completion of weekly reading assignment (📖) in advance of discussion
• a response paper on each of the books due by the discussion date for each evaluating each as historical evidence:
  ✔ Who is the author and what do we learn about her/him?
  ✔ Why did she/he write this?
  ✔ What does this text teach us about the past?
• a 250-word evaluation of one form of visual evidence: see hyperlinks (🔗)
• midterm exam: Thursday, October 22, in class
• final exam: December 19, 5:05 p.m.

Books: all readings but one book for the course are packaged with the textbook:
Brian Levack et al, The West: Encounters and Transformations
Teresa of Avila, The Life of Teresa of Jesus (Penguin) [BX4700 T4 A2 1991]
Corneille, Le Cid (Penguin) [PQ1745 E5 C3 1975]
Descartes, Discourse on Method (Penguin) [B1848 E5 C73 1993]
Diderot, Rameau's Nephew (Penguin) [PQ1979 A66 E5 1988]
The textbook will also give you online access to other required texts
Equiano's Travels (Waveland) [HT869 E6 A3]

Plagiarism is about how we think about ourselves in relationship to other scholars. It comprises one crime—claiming the ideas of others as our own or intellectual theft—and the failure to treat our own perspectives as valuable to the larger community of scholars. For the University of Wisconsin’s policy, see: http://students.wisc.edu/saja/misconduct/UWS14.html
Lectures and Readings:

Introduction
September 3  Doing History

The West: History Toolkit: How to Analyze Primary Sources

The Human Landscape of Late Medieval Europe
September 8  Villages and Forests
September 10  Courts and Towns

The West, Bookshelf: 19: The Prince
or http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/machiavelli-prince.html
http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic_cities.html

Sixteenth-Century Europe
September 15  Merchants and Navigators
September 17  Conquistadores and Peasants

The West, Documents, Chapter 12, entire
http://www.libs.uga.edu/darchive/hargrett/maps/neworld.html
http://www.walkingtree.com/

September 22  From Feudal Christianity to Bourgeois Christianity
September 24  Collars and Sleeves: Consumption and Piety

The West, all Documents, Chapter 13, except Luther, The German Mass
http://www.rijksmuseum.nl/aria/aria_assets/SK-C-6?lang=en
http://www.rijksmuseum.nl/aria/aria_artists/00017083?lang=en

September 29  The Baroque
October 1  Spain, the Society of Jesus, and Globalizing Christianity

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

October 6  
Nature and Revelation

October 8  
Mapping the Heavens and the Earth

- *The West*, Documents, Chapter 16, entire  
  http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/telesio1565.html
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  http://es.rice.edu/ES/humsoc/Galileo/

October 13  
Monarchs

October 15  
From Courts to Capitals

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

October 20  
Wallington’s World

October 22  
midterm

  pp. 2-5, Chapters 1-5, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, 21, 24  
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/

October 27  
“Mind” & “Body”

October 29  
The Instrument of Reason

- Descartes, *Discourse on Method*  
  http://vesalius.northwestern.edu/index.html  
  http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/netherlands/amsterdam/amsterdam.html

Special Collections: Vesalius

November 3  
The Thirty Years’ War

November 5  
Amsterdam

- http://frank.mtsu.edu/~rbombard/RB/Spinoza/ethica2.html  
  http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/netherlands/amsterdam/amsterdam.html

**Eighteenth-Century Europe**

November 10  
Britain and the Glorious Revolution, guest lecturer, Professor Johann Sommerville

November 12  
Divine Right, Contract, and Resistance: Political Thought in Early Modern Europe,  
  guest lecturer, Professor Johann Sommerville

  http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/brighter_lights_01.shtml  
November 17  Orientalism
November 19  Absolutism

📖 Montesquieu, *Persian Letters*, entire
☞ http://www.chateauversailles.fr/en/

Memorial Library Special Collections: copies of the *Encyclopédie*

November 24  The Project of Enlightenment

no sections this week

THANKSGIVING

December 1  Mercantilism
December 3  Capitalism and the Organization of Labor

📖 Equiano, *The Interesting Narrative*, tba
☞ 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 8  Public Opinion
December 10  Revolutions, guest lecturer, Lindsay Starkey

📖 Diderot, *Rameau’s Nephew*
☞ http://www.pbs.org/empires/napoleon/

December 15  Napoleon & the Modern Self

December 19, 5:05 p.m.: Final