University of Wisconsin  
Semester II, 2008-2009  
HISTORY 119: THE MAKING OF MODERN EUROPE, 1500-1815  
Prof. Suzanne Desan  
smdesan@wisc.edu  
Office Hours: Mon. 4-5 Wed. 11-12  

READING:  
Machiavelli, The Prince  
Natalie Zemon Davis, The Return of Martin Guerre  
Annamarie Beckel, Dancing in the Palm of his Hand  
Voltaire, Candide  

COURSE PACKET  
The books are all required and are available in paperback at the University Book Store. The books are all on reserve at Helen C. White Library. There is also a small reader of required documents and articles available at the Copy Center in the basement of the Humanities Building. These readings are marked "R>.")  

This course will introduce you to the major social, intellectual, political, and religious developments in Europe from the Renaissance to the fall of Napoleon. We will focus on the lives of everyday people as well as on the most important events and cultural trends in European history.  

There will be two lectures and one discussion section per week. You will be expected to attend both lecture and section and to participate in discussion section. You should complete the weekly reading assignments before section each week. There will be one two-hour final exam and two in-class exams. All students will also write a 6-8 page research paper on a topic involving outside reading. Final grades will be based as follows: 15% section participation; 20% each of two in-class exams; 20% paper; 25% final exam.  

Week 1 (Jan. 21): INTRODUCTION & THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE  
Reading: TEXT, Chapter 14: 505-31  
   R> Selections on Renaissance, K.L. Lualdi, Sources of Making of the West, I: To 1740, 207-16  
   *Machiavelli, The Prince, Letter & Chapters 3, 5-11  

Week 2 (Jan. 26-28): THE RENAISSANCE  
   R> Machiavelli, selection from The Discourses, 263-67  
   TEXT, Chapter 15  

Week 3 (Feb. 2-4): PROTESTANT REFORMATION  
   R> Twelve Articles of the Peasantry from Hans Hillerbrand, ed., The Reformation, 388-393 & M Luther’s Condemnation of Peasant Revolt  

Week 4 (Feb. 9-11): PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC REFORMATIONS, JUDAISM
Week 5 (Feb. 16-18): PEASANTS, KINGS, AND QUEENS
Reading: ** Natalie Zemon Davis, The Return of Martin Guerre, 1-93, 123-25
R> Documents on Images of Women and Men, Compiled by Natalie Davis.

Week 6 (Feb. 23-25): EXAM & OVERSEAS EXPANSION
Reading: TEXT, End of Chapter 14: 531-43
R> Two Accounts of the Spanish Encounter with the Aztecs, The West in Global Context, 6-17
R> Sepulveda and Las Casas in The West and the Wider World, 363-69
R> Las Casas, from Apologetic History of the Indies in Sources of the West, 249-52

** EXAM on Monday, Feb. 23
No sections this week

Week 7 (Mar. 2-4): OVERSEAS EXPANSION II & WITCHCRAFT
Reading: TEXT, Chapter 16: 615-618
* Annamarie Becket, Dancing in the Palm of His Hand, 7-36, 80-106, 122-74, 192-216, 228-43, 272-312 (I will email you a hand-out that summarizes the parts of the novel that you do not need to read.)

Week 8 (Mar. 9-11): SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION
Reading: TEXT, Chapter 16: 606-615
R> Excerpts from Copernicus and Bellarmine, in Sources of the Western Tradition
R> Galileo, from Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina and The Starry Messenger

SPRING BREAK = March 14-22

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 16: 589-97, and Chapter 17: 636-44
R> M. Roberts, “The Military Revolution” & “A Pastor’s Account of the Thirty Years War”
R> The True Levellers’ Standard Advanced, from S. Prall, ed. The Puritan Revolution
R> Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan, in Perspectives from the Past, ed James Brophy et al., 33-38

Week 10 (March 30-Apr. 1): CONSTITUTIONAL VS. ABSOLUTIST MONARCHY
Reading: TEXT, Chapter 17: 622-36, 645-51; and Chapter 18: 683-90
R> Bossuet, from Politics drawn from the Very Words of Scripture; Duc de Saint Simon, “Memoirs”
R> Exchange of Letters between Peter I and his Son Alexei, in Imperial Russia, 23-33
R> John Locke, from Treatise on Civil Government, Perspectives from the Past, 80-90

Week 11 (April 6-8) EXAM, COLONIZATION, AND SLAVERY
Reading: TEXT, Chapter 18: 665-76
R> Laurent Dubois, Avengers of the New World, 18-21, 36-59
R> Anti-slavery documents Hunt, ed., The French Revolution and Human Rights, 51-58

** EXAM on Monday, April 6
Week 12 (April 13-15): THE ENLIGHTENMENT
Reading: TEXT, Chapter 18: 695-702; and Chap. 19
   R> Voltaire, in Lynn Hunt, ed., The French Revolution and Human Rights, 38-40
   R> Diderot, from The Encyclopedia
   R> Rousseau, Emile & Mary Wollstonecraft, from Vindication of the Rights of Women.

Week 13 (April 20-22): THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, ENGLISH POLITICS & SOCIETY
Reading: * Voltaire, Candide
   R> Documents on Industrial Revolution, Perry, ed., Sources of Western Tradition, 111-123
   R> Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations, from Aspects of Western Civilization, II: 28-31

**PAPERS DUE, Monday, April 27

Week 14 (Apr. 27-29): REVOLUTION IN FRANCE
Reading: TEXT, Chapter 20
   R> Documents from the French Revolution: Sieyès, "What is the Third Estate?"; The
   Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen; “When Shall We Have Bread?” Olympe de Gouges, "The
   Declaration of the Rights of Woman"

Week 15 (May 4-6): FRENCH & HAITIAN REVOLUTIONS; NAPOLEON
Reading: TEXT, Chapter 21: 787-808
   R> “Revolutionary Calendar” in The Old Regime and the French Revolution
   R> “Popular Movements beyond the Convention” & Robespierre, “Report on the Principles of
   Political Morality” in L. Mason & T. Rizzo, ed. The French Revolution
   R> Documents on the Haitian Revolution, begins with “Society for the Friends of Blacks”
   R> “Was Napoleon a Child of Revolution?,” ed. J.K. Sowards, Makers of Western Tradition

FINAL EXAM on Wednesday, May 13, 10:05 am