Europe and the Modern World since 1815
History 120
Lectures: Tu & Th, 1:00-2:15, 272 Bascom Hall

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The course introduces students to the history of modern Europe during the 19th and 20th centuries. We will use a variety of approaches – social, cultural, and political - to examine political ideologies and revolutions, transformations in the structure of European societies, intellectual currents, histories of women and gender, and Europe’s changing place in the world. We will explore these topics using various types of primary sources, such as political tracts, speeches, scientific texts, autobiographies, and unpublished memoires, as well as posters, films, and songs. Throughout the course we will consider how Europeans made sense of the changes they were experiencing, how they imagined and implemented alternative forms of government, and how they invented and transformed individual and collective identities.

Course Assignments:
Map Quiz (in section; Week II): 3%
3 pp. paper (Week V) 15%
Midterm (in class, 03/15) 22%
5-6 pp. paper (Week XI) 20%
Final (May 13, 10:05-12:05) 25%
Section grade: 15%

*Both papers will be turned in and returned in discussion sections.
*Attendance in discussion section is mandatory. Section grade is based on attendance as well as active participation. Further guidelines will be given in the first meeting of discussion section.
Required Books:
Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (1848)
Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness* (1903)
Sigmund Freud, *Dora: An Analysis of a Case of Hysteria* (1905)
Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front* (1929)
George Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier* (1938)
Franz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth* (1961)
Slavenka Drakulic, *How We Survived Communism and Even Laughed* (1992)

Some books can be found for very cheap online or in secondhand bookstores. Any edition of those texts will be fine.

Documents: Primary documents (usually in excerpted form) are marked by a ‘*’ in the schedule of classes; links to all documents are found in Learn@UW → Content → Course Reader. Students are expected to print the documents and bring them to discussion meetings.

IMPORTANT: For each week we will read a related set of primary sources (books and other sources). These will be discussed in the section meeting the following week. For instance, the readings related to Week I are listed below under Week I, but will be discussed in discussion meeting during Week II.

Optional textbook:

Schedule of Lectures

I Revolutionary Europe
01/24 Introduction: identities, periods, definitions
01/26 The French Revolution

Read:
*Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen* (1789)
*Olympe de Gouges, Declaration of the Rights of Woman* (1791)
*Edmund Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France* (1790)
*Francois Dominique Toussaint L'Overture, letters on the revolution in the colonies* (1794-1795), from Lualdi (2009).
  *The Imperial Catechism* (1806).
II Industrialization and Class
01/31 The Industrial Revolution and Its Consequences
02/02 radicalism and Socialism

Read:
* Andrew Ure, The Philosophy of the Manufacturers (1835)
* Reports on the physical deterioration of textile workers (19th century)

-Coffin, chapter 19.

III A Bourgeois Century
02/07 Liberalism/Conservatism
02/09 Nationalism

Read:
* John Stuart Mill, The Subjection of Women (1869).
* Johann Gottlieb Fichte, “Address to the German Nation” (1806).
* Daniel O’Connell, “Justice for Ireland” (1836)

-Coffin, chapter 20.

IV Unsettled Revolutions
02/14 1848: National or Social Revolutions?
02/16 The Paris Commune and the Third Republic

Read:
* Alexander Ledru-Rollin, “Speech to the Electors of Sarthe” (1841)
* Alexander Petofi, “The National Song of Hungary” (1848)
* Alexander II, “Abolition of Serfdom in Russia” (1861)
* Carl Schurz, A Look Back at 1848 (1907)

-Coffin, chapter 21.
V Consolidation and Expansion
02/21 Nations and States in the Age of Bismarck
02/23 The New Imperialism

Read:
*Rudyard Kipling, The White Man’s Burden* (1899)
*King Victor Emmanuel, “Address to Parliament”* (1871)

-Coffin, chapter 22.

* First paper due (in section)*

VI A Discontented Civilization
02/28 Going Urban: Paris and Vienna.
03/01 The Cultural Politics of Discontent.

Read:
Sigmund Freud, *Dora: An Analysis of a Case of Hysteria* (entire)

-Coffin, chapter 23.

VII And Then History Came to a.
03/06 Workers and the Social Question
03/08 The Coming of War

No readings: prepare for the midterm.

VIII The First World War
03/13 War (II)
03/15 MIDTERM

Read:
Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front* (entire).
Wilfred Owen, “Dulce et Decorum Est”
Siegfried Sassoon, “Attack”

-Coffin, chapter 24.
IX  Brave New World
03/20 Brave New World?
03/22 The Russian Revolution

Read:
- Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier* (entire)
* Vladimir Lenin, *What Is to be Done?* (1902)
* Vladimir Lenin, *Lenin’s April Theses* (1917)

-Coffin, 784-793, 803-813.

X Interwar Challenges
03/27 Stalinism
03/29 European Fascisms

Read:
* Benito Mussolini, Encyclopedia Article on the Political Doctrine of Fascism (1932)
* Life under Stalinism: women’s autobiographies, from Fitzpatrick and Slezkine, *In the Shadow of Revolution*
* Nuremberg Laws (1935)
* Paragraph 175 of the Reich Penal Code (1871, 1935)

-Coffin, 793-803.

SPRING BREAK

XI The Second World War
04/10 The Trials of Peace and the Coming of War
04/12 Race and Industrialized Murder

Read:
Primo Levi, *Survival in Auschwitz* (entire)

-Coffin, chapter 26.

Second paper due (in section)-
XII A Wounded Europe
04/17 A Divided Europe
04/19 A Shrinking Europe

Read:
Franz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth* (entire)
*The Truman Doctrine (1947)

- Coffin, chapter 27.

XIII A Swinging Europe
04/24 Welfare and Affluence
04/26 The 1960s

Read:
*George C. Marshall, *Commencement Address to Harvard University* (1947)
*“Let Us Face the Future,”* Labour Party Manifesto (1945)
*Ludwik Vaculik, “The 2000 Words Manifesto” (1968)
*Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex* (1949)
*Students from around the world on 1968.

-Coffin, 886-905.

XIV A New Europe
05/01 The Collapse of the Soviet Block
05/03 Neo-liberalism/Globalization

Read:
-Slavenka Drakulic, *How We Survived Communism and Even Laughed* (entire)
*Margaret Thatcher’s interview to the Women’s Own Magazine* (1987)

-Coffin, 905-915; chapter 29.

Week XV A Future Europe
05/08 Europe – Where To?
05/10 FINAL REVIEW

*No readings! *