UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester III, 1991-1992

HISTORY 532: THE EUROPEAN STATE SYSTEM 1914 TO THE PRESENT

This course examines the relationships among the states of Europe from just before the First World War until the present day. While the emphasis is on diplomacy, war, and the changing structure of European states, the course also stresses the larger context of international relations, especially the economic, social and cultural ties across frontiers, as well as the expanding influence of European states throughout the world in the form of imperialism and colonialism. There will be three lectures per week, but factual questions and issues of interpretation will be accepted at all times in a conversational atmosphere.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There will be two examinations of two hours length. Each will be of equal weight in determining the final grade. They will be essay examinations with the addition of a map section, in which map items are to be identified. The first examination will be on March 25, 1992, from 7-9 p.m. and will include a choice of two essays from about six. The second will be at the scheduled summary bloc period; in this examination beside a choice of questions similar to the midterm on topics covered since the midterm, students will write on a previously selected special topic based on the readings in five specific books dealing with one of seventeen topics:

I. The first world war
II. The peace settlement
III. The search for stability
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IV. Bolshevik Russia and the Comintern
V. Fascist Italy
VI. Hitler's aims and the Nazi system
VII. Appeasement
VIII. The second world war
IX. The cold war 1946-62
X. The restoration of western Europe
XI. NATO and the Warsaw Pact
XII. Western European unification and the Common Market
XIII. The welfare state
XIV. Nuclear terror and arms control
XV. From Stalin to Brezhnev
XVI. Communist Eastern Europe
XVII. The collapse of the Communist system

In place of the standard midterm, graduate students will write a take-home examination on one of the specialized sets of readings (DUE MARCH 25 AT 7 P.M.), selecting a second group of readings for the final examination, along with their choice of question on topics dealing with the course since the midterm.

Fourth credit students will meet biweekly in a research and writing seminar; discussions and reports on selected topics will lead to a scholarly paper critiqued by the seminar.


Additional assignments are in books on three-hour reserve in Helen C. White.
HISTORY 532 COURSE SCHEDULE

Wed.22 Jan  Course organization
Fri.24 Jan  The Origins of the First World War   Text,ch.1
Mon.27 Jan  Alliance Politics   Text,ch.2 & D.Stevenson, The First World War,ch.2 [D511.S816]
Wed.29 Jan  War transforms the European States Arno Mayer
            Political Origins of the New Diplomacy,ch.2-3
            [D610.M33]
Fri.31 Jan  Revolutions  Text,ch.3
Mon.Feb 3  The Paris Peace Settlement  Text,ch.4
Wed.Feb 5  The League Experiment  G.Mangone,A Short History of International Affairs,ch.5[JX1938.M25]
Fri.Feb.7  The New State System  Text,ch.6
Mon.Feb.10 Fascist Italy  Text,pp.23-230 & D.Mack Smith
           Mussolini's Roman Empire,ch.3-8 [DG 571.M22]
Wed.Feb.12 Reintroducing Germany to the European System
           H.Gatzke,Stresemann and the Rearmament of Germany
           121pp.[DD231.S83.G3]
Fri.Feb.14 Parliamentary Democracy in the Twenties
           Text,ch.5
Mon.Feb.17 The Impact of the Depression on European States
           Text,ch.8
Fri.Feb.21 National Socialism  Text,pp.230-245 & K.D.Bracher,The German Dictatorship,ch.5,7[DD256.5B66313]
Mon.Feb.24 Stalinism  Text,ch.10
Wed. Feb. 26  The Spanish Civil War and European politics
  Paul Preston, The Spanish Civil War, ch. 4-6 [xxxxx]

Mon. Mar. 2  The Second World War in Europe Text, ch. 13

Wed. Mar. 4  The Grand Alliance  J. Snell Illusion and Necessity, ch. 3
  [D748.S57]

Fri. Mar. 6  America and the Cold War  Eric F. Goldman, The Crucial
  Decade and After, ch. 3-6 [E813.G6]

SPRING BREAK

Mon. Mar. 16  The Polarization of Europe  W. Z. Laqueur, Europe since
  Hitler, pp. 37-121 [D1051.L3]

Wed. Mar. 18  NATO  L. Kaplan, et al. eds., NATO After Forty Years

Fri. Mar. 20  The Communist Bloc  Text, ch. 14

Mon. Mar. 23  West European Recovery and Unification  Text, ch. 15

Wed. Mar. 25  MIDTERM EXAMINATION

Fri. Mar. 27  Interest Politics and the Management of Dissent
  Text, pp. 475-490; 502-531

Mon. Mar. 30  Soviet Foreign Policy  Z. Brzezinski, The Soviet
  Bloc, ch. 4-7 [D847.B.7]

Wed. Apr. 1  The Decolonization Process and Europe  Text, ch. 18

Fri. Apr. 3  The European Community  Anthony Kerr, The Common Market
  and How it Works, ch. 1-5 [HC 241.2K45]

Mon. Apr. 6  Arms Control  Samuel Payne, Jr.  The Soviet Union and
  SALT, 110 pp [JX1974.75.P39]

Wed. Apr. 8  Radical Politics  George Katsiaficas
  The Imagination of the New Left, pp. 49-116 [JC328.3.K38]

Fri. Apr. 10  Conservative Politics  Text, pp. 539-580

Mon. Apr. 13  The Disintegration of the Communist Ideological System
Wed. April 15  The Disintegration of the Communist Empire
                   Text, pp. 490-501; 532-538; 581-594
Fri. April 17  Problems of Eastern Europe since Communism
April 20  The Nationalities Issue in the Soviet Union
Wed. April 22  The Disintegration of the Soviet Union
Fri. April 24  The Promise and Threat of "1992"
Mon. April 27  Regional problems of the Common Market
Wed. April 29  The Future of Neutrality
Fri. May 1  The role of the United States and Anti-American politics
Mon. May 4  Neo-Fascist movements, east and west
Wed. May 6  Is there a European State System?
Fri. May 8  The One-Europe dream
BOOK LISTS BY TOPIC FOR HISTORY 532

THE FIRST WORLD WAR
Fischer,Fritz Germany's Aims in the First World War(1967)ch.1,3-4,8,11,15-20[D515.F2713]

THE PEACE SETTLEMENT
Birdsall,Paul Versailles Twenty Years After(1941,1962), ch.6-10[D643.AA7B5]
Carr,E.H. International Relations between the Two World Wars 1919-1939(1965),pp.3-78[D443.C29.5]
Stevenson,David The First World War and International Politics (1988),ch.ch.6[D511.S816]

THE SEARCH FOR STABILITY
Carr,E.H. The Twenty Years' Crisis(1939,1964),ch.3-8 [JX3091.C3]
Gathorne-Hardy,G. A Short History of International Affairs(1950) Part II [D443.G24]
Wolfers,Arnold Britain and France between Two Wars(1940), ch.1-8 [D443.W63]

BOLSHEVIK RUSSIA AND THE COMINTERN
Carr,E.H. German-Soviet Relations between the Two World Wars 1919-1939(1951)[DD120RB.C3]
Drachkovitch,M.M.ed. The Revolutionary Internationals, Part II[HX11.I5D66]
Fisher,Louis The Soviets in World Affairs,(1951)ch.6-15[DK63.F5]
Kennan,George F. Russia and the West under Lenin and Stalin(1961) ch.7-11 [DK63.3.K38]

FASCIST ITALY
Cassels,Alan Fascist Italy(1968)ch.1-4[DG571.C425]
Currey,Muriel Italy's Foreign Policy 1918-1932(1932)ch.5-7 [Cutter JY36.C93]
Macartney,M.H.H. and Paul Cremona Italy's Foreign and Colonial Policy,1914-1937(1938)ch.6-10[DG571.M2]
Mack Smith,Denis Mussolini's Roman Empire(1976),ch.3-15 [DG571.M22]
Wiskemann,Elizabeth Fascism in Italy.Its Development and Influence(1969),ch.5-10[DG571.W5]