This is an advanced undergraduate seminar on Fascism and National Socialism during the period 1914-1945. It will focus on Europe, though related phenomena in other parts of the world will also be studied more briefly. The cases of Italy and Germany will be emphasized, but all the other major European examples will also be examined. Students will be encouraged to undertake projects dealing with diverse cases, and to examine a variety of different themes, such as the roles of social background, economics, culture, women, religion, communism, the military, or others.

Requirements:

1) A reading assignment for each of the first six meetings, weekly attendance and participation in seminar discussion.

2) Preparation of a 20-page research paper, whose topic must be defined by September 28. The first polished draft of at least ten pages is due November 9. The full and final draft is due December 14.

3) During the second half of the semester each student will make a brief (25 minute) oral presentation of the main points of his/her paper.


September 7  Introduction

September 14 The Origins and Ideas of Fascism and National Socialism
   Text, 3-79

September 21 Italian Fascism
   Text, 80-128, 212-44

September 28 National Socialism in Germany
   Text, 147-211

October 5 Fascism and the Radical Right; the Austrian and Spanish Cases
   Text, 129-46, 245-67, 429-36
October 12  Fascism in Hungary and Romania  
   Text, 131-38, 267-89, 391-97, 415-20

October 19  Fascism and World War II  
   Text, 355-437

October 26-December 14  Oral Presentations

November 23  Individual research (no seminar meeting)

December 14  Final draft of research papers due

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