

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1992-93

History 356

Mr. Payne

EUROPE BETWEEN THE WARS, 1919-1939

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an advanced level survey of European history between the wars. It will stress the most distinctive new developments of the period, particularly those resulting from World War I and leading to World War II. Considerable attention will be given to the development of the Soviet system, but the major emphasis will be on the rise of fascism and nazism, which will be studied in the broader European context. There will also be extended examination of the Spanish Republic and Civil War. The course will close with a discussion of the concept of an "era of fascism" and the immediate background of World War II.

LECTURES

There will be three lectures each week, accompanied by questions and brief discussion. In addition, there will be a fourth discussion period at times to be announced.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS

There will be three hours of written examinations, a one-hour six weeks exam and a two-hour final. All students must submit a five-page essay evaluating one of the volumes of required reading (or some other scholarly book related to the course and approved by the instructor or teaching assistant) no later than November 13.

In addition, all students registered for four credits must also prepare a full-length research paper or an extended essay on further reading (15 pages or more in length), the nature and topic of which must be defined through individual consultation with the instructor or teaching assistant no later than September 30. These papers are due on December 4. Graduate students registered for credit should consult with the instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM

The final grade will be determined as follows:

For 3 credit students: discussion group participation 12%, essay 12%, 6 weeks exam 25%, final 50%.

For 4 credit students: discussion group participation 10%, essay 10%, research paper 20%, 6 weeks exam 20%, final 40%

REQUIRED READINGS

H. Carrere d'Encausse, Spain: Revolution and Power (Longman)
Alan Cassels Fascism (Harlan Davidson)
Gabriel Jackson The Spanish Republic and Civil War 1931-1939
Jackson Spielvogel Hitler and Nazi Germany (Prentice Hall)
Raymond Sontag A Broken World, 1919-1939 (Harper)

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

September

- 2 World War I and its Consequences
- 4 The Postwar Settlement
- 9 The Russian Revolution
- 11 The Civil War and the Leninist System
- 14 Film: "Lenin"
- 16 Formation of the USSR
- 18 A Radical Alternative: National Socialism
- 21 The Postwar Italian Crisis
- 23 The Rise of Fascism
- 25 The Mussolini Regime
- 28 The Postwar Crisis in Eastern Europe
- 30 France in the 1920s

Readings

- No assignment
- Sontag, 1-32
- Sontag, 33-45; Carrere, 1-66
- Sontag, 69-79; Carrere, 67-101
- No assignment
- Carrere, 102-49
- Cassels, vii-20
- Sontag, 79-85; Cassels, 22-48
- Cassels, 48-54
- Sontag, 139-47; Cassels, 54-67
- Sontag, 61-69
- Sontag, 111-38

October

- 2 Britain Between the Wars
- 5 The Weimar Republic in Germany
- 7 Film: "From Kaiser to Fuehrer"
- 9 Weimar Society and Culture
- 12 SIX WEEKS EXAM
- 14 The Bolshevik Power Struggle: The Triumph of Stalin
- 16 Collectivization and the Five Year Plans
- 19 The Great Terror
- 21 Military Growth and Expansion
- 23 Adolf Hitler and the Rise of National Socialism
- 26 The Great Depression
- 28 The German Crisis of 1930-33

- 30 The Third Reich, 1933-1939

- Sontag, 86-110
- Sontag, 45-60; Spielvogel, 1-20
- No assignment
- Sontag, 209-35

- Sontag, 147-60; Carrere, 150-90
- Carrere, 191-231
- Sontag, 252-61
- No assignment
- Cassels, 81-116; Spielvogel, 20-52
- Sontag, 172-235
- Sontag, 160-71; Cassels, 116-29;
- Spielvogel, 53-67
- Sontag, 261-68; Cassels, 129-67;
- Spielvogel, 67-191

November

- 2 Film: "Triumph of the Will"
- 4 Austria
- 6 Hungary
- 9 Romania
- 11 France in the 1930s

- 13 Neosocialism and Scandinavian Social Democracy
- 16 A Democratic Alternative in Southwest Europe: The Second Spanish Republic, 1931-33
- 18 Breakdown of the Spanish Republic
- 20 The Spanish Revolution
- 23 The Spanish Civil War
- 25 Video: "Caudillo"
- 30 Fascist Italy in the 1930s

- No assignment
- Cassels, 191-209
- Cassels, 209-16
- Cassels, 216-25
- Sontag, 269-80, 295-99; Cassels, 230-43

- Cassels, 225-29, 243-62
- Jackson, 1-120

- Jackson, 121-217
- Jackson, 218-92
- Jackson, 293-498; Cassels, 169-91
- No assignment
- Cassels, 67-73

December

- 2 Expansion and Semi-Nazification of Fascism
- 4 German Expansion

- 7 Outbreak of World War II
- 9 The Course of World War II

- 11 End of the "Fascist Era"
- 14 Film: "Prelude to Conflict"

- Sontag, 280-92; Cassels, 73-80
- Sontag, 236-53, 292-94, 319-47,
- Spielvogel, 192-207; Cassels, 264-75

- Sontag, 347-81; Cassels, 275-81;
- Spielvogel, 207-11
- Cassels, 281-341; Spielvogel, 211-304
- Cassels, 342-49
- No assignment