

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester II 1983-84

History 356

Europe Between the Wars, 1919-1939

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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 new Soviet system, but the major emphasis will be on the rise of fascism and nazism, which will be studied in an all-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, punctuated and/or followed by questions and discussion. In addition, there will be a further discussion period at a time 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 four-page essay evaluating one of the volumes of required reading no later than May 2.

In addition, all students registered for four credits must also prepare a full-length research paper or a special essay on further reading (12 to 15 pages in length), the nature and topic of which must be defined through individual consultation with the instructor no later than February 29. These papers are also due on May 2. Graduate students registered for credit should consult with the instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM

The final grade will be determined as follows:

For <u>3-credit</u> students,	final 60%, 6 weeks exam 30%, essay 10%
For <u>4-credit</u> students:	final 46%, 6 weeks exam 23%, essay 6%, research paper 25%.

REQUIRED READINGS

Burnett Bolloten, The Spanish Revolution (North Carolina)
Hélène Carrère d'Encausse, Lenin: Revolution and Power (Longman)
Eberhard Jäckel, Hitler's World View (Harvard)
S. G. Payne, Fascism: Comparison and Definition (Wisconsin)
Alexander Solzhenitsyn, The GULAG Archipelago (Harper) Vol. I

Text: Raymond Sontag, A Broken World 1919-1939 (Harper)

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Schedule of Topics

Readings

January

23	World War I and its Consequences	---
25	The Postwar Settlement	Sontag, 1-32
27	The Russian Revolution	Sontag, 33-45; Carrère, 1-66
30	The Leninist System	Sontag, 69-79; Carrère, 67-101

February

1	Formation of the USSR	Carrère, 102-49; Solzhenitsyn, 1-76
3	A Radical Alternative: National Socialism	Sontag, 79-85; Payne, 3-41
6	Open (Films: "From Kaiser to Fuehrer"; "Mussolini")	
8	The Postwar Italian Crisis	---
10	The Rise of Fascism	Payne, 42-51
13	Mussolini in Power, 1922-25	Payne, 68-73
15	Institutionalization of the Fascist Regime	Sontag, 139-47; Payne, 73-76
17	The Postwar Crisis in Eastern Europe	Sontag, 61-69; Payne, 122-26
20	The Balkans	Payne, 119-21
22	France in the 1920s	Sontag, 111-38
24	Britain Between the Wars	Sontag, 68-110
27	SIX WEEKS EXAM	
29	The Weimar Republic in Germany	Sontag, 45-60

March

2	Weimar Society and Culture	Sontag, 209-35
5	Adolf Hitler & the Rise of National Socialism	Payne, 51-65; Jäckel, 1-26, 67-121
7	The Bolshevik Power Struggle & the Triumph of Stalin	Sontag, 147-60; Carrère, 150-90
9	Collectivization & the Five-Year Plans	Carrère, 191-231
12	The Great Terror	Sontag, 253-61; Solzhenitsyn, 76-620
14	Military Growth and Expansion	---
16	The Depression and the German Crisis of 1930-33	Sontag, 160-71; Payne, 65-67
26	The Nazi Triumph	---
28	The National Socialist System	Sontag, 261-68; Payne, 88-104
30	Open (Film: "Triumph of the Will")	---

April

2	Austria	Payne, 105-10
4	Hungary	Payne, 110-15
6	Problems of Postwar "Great Romania"	Payne, 115-18
9	Romania in the 1930s	---
11	France in the 1930s	Sontag, 269-80, 295-99; Payne 129-35
13	Neosocialism & Social Democracy	---
16	A Democratic Alternative in Southwest Europe: The Second Spanish Republic, 1931-33	---
18	Breakdown of the Spanish Republic, 1933-36	Bolloten, 3-50
23	The Spanish Revolution	Bolloten, 51-236
25	The Spanish Civil War	Sontag, 295-311; Payne 139-60; Bolloten, 237-477

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April (cont.)

27	The Mussolini Regime in Transition	Payne, 76-79
30	Italian Expansion & Nazification	Sontag, 280-92; Payne 79-87

May

2	Open	---
4	An "Era of Fascism"?	Payne, 161-90
7	Hitler's Foreign Policy and German Expansion	Jäckel, 27,66; Sontag, 236-53, 292-94
9	Origins of World War II	Sontag, 314-81
11	The "End of the Fascist Era"	Payne, 191-212