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History 359: Europe since 1945.

Requirements:

This course covers the political, social, cultural, and economic history of Europe from the end of World War II to the present. Particular attention will be paid to the legacy of Nazism, collaboration, and the Holocaust; the cold war and the rivalry between the superpowers; decolonization; the birth and development of the European Community; the post war economic boom; the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the rebirth of nationalism in the 1990s. In addition we will compare political and social developments in selected countries (France, Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Poland, Italy).

Attendance and participation in weekly discussion sections is mandatory. You must complete the assigned reading before your weekly section meeting. There are also weekly readings from William Hitchcock's Struggle for Europe; these are designed to complement the lectures. I will be setting up a class email list, and I will use it to send out notices concerning changes in the readings and the lectures. Please verify that the registrar has your correct email address.

There will be one two hour final examination and one in-class map quiz. In addition all students are required to write three 6 page papers on assigned topics that will be handed out in advance and write two one page papers on documents. Students are urged to familiarize themselves with the rules and guidelines concerning plagiarism -- cases of plagiarism or cheating will be dealt with severely. Grading: 25% of your grade will be determined by your participation in section, the two one page papers, and the map quiz. Students who rarely come to section will fail this component of the class. The rest of the grade will be based on the three papers and the final exam.

My office hours are Tuesday, 2:30 – 4:30. You can also speak with me after class or send me an email to set up an alternative meeting time.

Students in the French language section have substantially different requirements and should consult the *section française* syllabus.

The following books are required and are available for purchase at the University Bookstore. They have also been placed on 3 hour reserve at Helen C. White Library. In addition, a course reader is available for purchase at the Humanities Copy Center (in the Humanities Building).

Textbook: William I. Hitchcock, The Struggle for Europe: The Turbulent History of a Divided Continent (book will arrive in early February)

Czeslaw Milosz, The Captive Mind

Gale Stokes ed., From Stalinism to Pluralism: A Documentary History of Eastern Europe since 1945

Slavenka Drakulic, How we Survived Communism and even Laughed

Mehdi Charef, Tea in the Harem

Norman Naimark, Fires of Hatred: Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth-Century Europe

Georgio, Memoirs of an Italian Terrorist

Stephen Kotkin, Armageddon Averted: the Soviet Collapse, 1970-2000

**Week 1** (January 20, 22) Introduction

The Physical and Political Geography of Europe.  
Reconstructing European Society

**Week 2** (January 27, 29)

The Memory of War, Occupation, and the Holocaust  
Purges and Retributions

Section: Stokes, From Stalinism to Pluralism, 10-32; Naimark, Fires of Hatred, 57-84.

**Week 3** (February 3, 5). **One page paper due in section.**

Europe between the Superpowers: The Cold War  
Resistance and Submission in Eastern Europe

Section: The Nuremberg War Crimes Trial (Reader); Stokes, 35-42; Naimark, Fires of Hatred, 85-107; 108-138.

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 1-39, 69-97.

Begin Milosz, The Captive Mind (read ahead, this is a difficult book!)

**Week 4** (February 10, 12)

From Stalin to Gorbachev  
The Origins of the European Community

Section: Milosz, The Captive Mind.

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 98-125, 193-220

**Week 5** (February 17, 19). **In Class Map Quiz, Tuesday February 17**

The Economic Miracle in the West  
Decolonization and Neocolonialism

Section: Jean Monnet, “A Bold, Constructive Act,” in Memoirs (London, 1978), 288-298; Jean Monnet, “A red letter day for European Unity” (reader); Stokes, 66-77, 81-87, 122-134

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 132-192

**Week 6** (February 24, 26) . **First 6 Page Paper due** (Thursday Feb. 26)

De Gaulle and the French Fifth Republic  
Politics Italian Style

Section: Aimé Césaire, Discourse on Colonialism (reader); texts by Georges Hardy, Jean Dresch, and Albert Memmi (reader).

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 221-241

**Week 7** (March 2, 4)

May 1968 and the Challenge to Industrial and Consumer Society  
Terrorism and the Crisis of the 1970s in Italy and Germany

Section: Charles de Gaulle, “Europe,” (reader), “Speeches and documents” (reader)

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 243-268

Week 8 (March 9, 11). **One page paper due in section**

An Enduring Fear: Americanization  
The Decline of Religion

Section: Georgio, Memoirs of a Terrorist (entire book)

**Week 9 (Spring Break)**

**Week 10.** (March 23, 25). **Second 6 Page Paper due** (Thursday March 25)

Gender, Sexuality, and the Family  
The Intellectual Crisis: From Existentialism to Post Modernism

Section: Richard Kuisel, “Yankee go Home: The Left, Coca-Cola, and the Cold War” (Reader); Simone de Beauvoir, The Second Sex (reader).

**Week 11** (March 30, April 1)

Democratization in Southern Europe: Greece, Spain, and Portugal  
Resistance in the East: The Polish Solidarity Movement

Section: Drakulic, How we Survived Communism and even Laughed

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 269-310

**Week 12** (April 6, 8)

The Turning Point: The Collapse of the Soviet System, 1991  
The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe

Section: Stokes, 289-94; Kotkin, Armageddon Averted, 1-9, 31-112.

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 347-79

**Week 13** (April 13, 15). **Third 6 Page Paper due** (Thursday April 15)

Immigration and Citizenship  
German Reunification

Section: Mehdi Charef, Tea in the Harem

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 410-434.

**Week 14** (April 20, 22) .

The Crisis of Welfare and the Changing Role of the State  
The Yugoslav War and the Nationalist Revival in the East

Section: Kotkin, Armageddon Averted, 113-196; Stokes, 249-53; Corey Ross “The End of the GDR: Revolution from Below, Implosion from Within, Collapse from Outside” (reader); Margaret Thatcher, Speech at Royal Albert Hall, Nov 11, 1976 and Speech to the Conservative Party Conference, 12 October 1979 (reader).

Text: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 310-409

**Week 15** (April 27, 29)

The New Extreme Right  
Regionalism and Nationalism in Western Europe

Section: Naimark, Fires of Hatred, 139-184; Speeches by Helmut Kohl and François Mitterrand (reader); Stokes, 259-64.

**Week 16** (May 4, 6)

Europe in 2004  
Review

Section: Hitchcock, Struggle for Europe, 435-64; Tony Judt, "Europe: The Grand Illusion," (reader); Edward DeClair, "The Far Right in Comparative Perspective" (reader).

Final Exam: Monday May 10, 12:25 pm