

History 753
Comparative World History
US and German Political Economies Since the 1870s

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Thursdays, 11am-1pm, 5245 Mosse Humanities

This reading seminar offers graduate students in History and allied disciplines a grounding in comparative methodology as well as a topical survey of the development of the U.S. and German political economies from unification/reunification in the 1870s to the near-present. Where the English-language literature permits and the topic warrants, we will give attention to both East and West Germany after WWII. Topics tentatively include the following:

- the American and German styles of federalism
- varieties of capitalism (from the Second Industrial Revolution to the 1980s)
- labor movements
- competition policy (antitrust, cartels)
- imperialism
- consumerism
- automobility
- New Deal/Nazi-era economic policy
- business and labor in World War II
- environmental movements
- corporate governance (including co-determination)

Reading knowledge of German is not required. Written requirements consist of periodic, brief analyses of assigned readings, and a comparative, historiographic paper surveying the literature on a topic of special interest to the student. If you have questions, or are interested in registering for the seminar, please get in touch with me -- cdunlavy@wisc.edu, (608) 263-1854 -- or stop by during my office hours (Tuesdays, Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 5109 Mosse Humanities).