

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1985-86

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 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, punctuated and/or followed 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 1.

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 2. 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

Burnett Bolloten, The Spanish Revolution (North Carolina)
H. Carrere d'Encausee, Lenin: Revolution and Power (Longman)
Klaus Hildebrand, The Third Reich (Allen & Unwin)
S.G. Payne, Fascism: Comparison and Definition (Wisconsin)
Alexander Solzhenitsyn, The GULAC Archipelago (Harper), Vol. I

TEXTBOOKS: B.E. Schmitt & H.C. Vedeler, The World in the Crucible
1914-1919 (Harper).
Raymond Sontag, A Broken World, 1919-1939 (Harper).

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SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

September

Readings

4	World War I and its Consequences	Schmitt & Vedeler, 1-184, 296-323
6	The Postwar Settlement	Schmitt & Vedeler, 200-95, 376-401, 455-88; Sontag, 1-32
9	The Russian Revolution	Schmitt & Vedeler, 147-53, 188-99, 324-48; Sontag, 33-45; Carrere, 1-66
11	The Leninist System	Schmitt & Vedeler, 349-75, 433-54; Sontag, 69-79; Carrere, 67-101
13	Formation of the USSR	Carrere, 102-49; Solzhenitsyn, 1-76
16	A Radical Alternative: Nat'l Socialism	Payne, 3-41
18	The Postwar Italian Crisis	Sontag, 79-85
20	The Rise of Fascism	Payne, 42-51
23	Mussolini in Power, 1922-25	Payne, 68-73
25	Institutionalization of the Fascist Regime	Sontag, 139-47; Payne, 73-76
27	Films: "Mussolini: & "From Kaiser to Fueherer"	---
30	The Postwar Crisis in Eastern Europe	Schmitt & Vedeler, 402-33; Sontag, 61-69; Payne, 119-26

October

2	France in the 1920s	Sontag, 111-38
4	Britain Between the Wars	Sontag, 86-110
7	SIX WEEKS EXAM	
9	The Weimar Republic in Germany	Sontag, 45-60
11	Weimar Society and Culture	Sontag, 209-35

October continued

14	Adolf Hitler & the Rise of National Socialism	Payne, 51-65
16	The Bolshevik Power Struggle and the Triumph of Stalin	Sontag, 147-60; Carrere, 150-90
18	Collectivization & the Five-Year Plans	Carrere, 191-231
21	The Great Terror	Sontag, 253-61; Solzhenitsyn, 76-620
23	Military Growth and Expansion	---
25	The Depression and the German Crisis of 1930-33	Sontag, 160-71
28	The Nazi Triumph	Payne, 65-67
30	The National Socialist System	Sontag, 261-68; Payne, 88-104; Hildebrand, 3-22, 101-40

November

1	Film: "Triumph of the Will"	---
4	Austria	Payne, 105-10
6	Hungary	Payne, 110-55
8	Romania	Payne, 115-18
11	France in the 1930s	Sontag, 269-80, 295-99; Payne, 129-35
13	Neosocialism & Social Democracy	---
15	A Democratic Alternative in South-West Europe: The Second Spanish Republic, 1931-1933	---
18	Breakdown of the Spanish Republic, 1933-36	Bolloten, 3-50
20	The Spanish Revolution	Bolloten, 51-236
22	The Spanish Civil War	Sontag, 299-311; Payne, 139-60; Bolloten, 237-477
25	Italian Expansion & Nazification	Sontag, 280-92; Payne, 76-87
27	Open	---

December

2	An "Era of Fascism?"	Payne, 161-90
4	Hitler's Foreign Policy & German Expansion	Sontag, 236-53, 292-94; 311-50; Hildebrand, 23-48
6	Open	---
9	The Course of World War	Sontag, 351-81; Hildebrand, 49-98, 141-63
11	The End of the "Fascist Era"	Payne, 191-212
13	Film: "The Twisted Cross"	---