

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
Department of History  
Semester I, 1986-87

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 3.

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 1. 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)  
 Karl Bracher, The German Dictatorship (Holt, Rinehart)  
 H. Carrere d'Encausse, Lenin: Revolution and Power (Longman)  
 S. G. Payne, Fascism: Comparison and Definition (Wisconsin)  
 Alexander Solzhenitsyn, The GULAG Archipelago (Harper), Vol. I

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

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

<u>September</u>	<u>Readings</u>
3 World War I and its Consequences	No assignment
5 The Postwar Settlement	Sontag, 1-32
8 The Russian Revolution	Sontag, 33-45; Carrere, 1-66
10 The Civil War and the Leninist System	Sontag, 69-79; Carrere, 67-101
12 Formation of the USSR	Carrere, 102-49; Solzhenitsyn, 1-76
15 A Radical Alternative: National Socialism	Payne, 3-41
17 The Postwar Italian Crisis	Sontag, 79-85
19 The Rise of Fascism	Payne, 42-51
22 The Mussolini Regime	Sontag, 139-47; Payne, 68-76
24 The Postwar Crisis in Eastern Europe	Sontag, 61-69; Payne, 119-26
26 France in the 1920s	Sontag, 111-38
29 Britain Between the Wars	Sontag, 86-110
 <u>October</u>	
1 The Weimar Republic in Germany	Sontag, 45-60
3 Weimar Society and Culture	Sontag, 209-35
6 SIX WEEKS EXAM	
8 The Bolshevik Power Struggle: The Triumph of Stalin	Sontag, 147-60; Carrere, 150-90
10 Collectivization and the Five-Year Plans	Carrere, 191-231
13 The Great Terror	Sontag, 253-61; Solzhenitsyn, 76-620
15 Military Growth and Expansion	No assignment
17 Adolf Hitler and the Rise of National Socialism	Payne, 51-65; Bracher, 3-160
20 The Great Depression	Sontag, 172-208
22 The German Crisis of 1930-33	Sontag, 160-71; Bracher, 160-91
24 The National Socialist System	Payne, 88-104; Bracher, 191-286; Sontag, 261-68
27 Austria	Payne, 105-10
29 Hungary	Payne, 110-15
31 Romania	Payne, 115-18

November

	<u>Readings</u>
3 Films: "From Kaiser to Fuehrer" "Mussolini"	No assignment
5 No class (Conference on Portuguese Fascism in Lisbon)	
7 Film: "Triumph of the Will"	No assignment
10 France in the 1930s	Sontag, 269-80, 295-99; Payne, 129-35
12 Neosocialism and Social Democracy	No assignment
14 A Democratic Alternative in Southwest Europe: The Second Spanish Republic, 1931-1933	No assignment
17 Breakdown of the Spanish Republic, 1933-1936	Bolloten, 3-50
19 The Spanish Revolution	Bolloten, 51-236
21 The Spanish Civil War	Sontag, 299-311; Payne, 139-60; Bolloten, 237-477
24 Film: "Inside Franco's Spain"	No assignment
26 Fascist Italy in the 1930s	No assignment

December

1 Italian Expansion and Nazification	Sontag, 280-92; Payne, 76-87
3 Hitler's Foreign Policy and German Expansion	Sontag, 236-53, 292-94, 311-47; Bracher, 287-399
5 Outbreak of World War II	Sontag, 347-81; Bracher, 400-31
8 The Course of World War II	Bracher, 431-501; Payne, 135-38
10 End of the "Fascist Era"?	Payne, 161-212
12 Film: "The Twisted Cross"	No assignment