

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1991-92

History 531: THE EUROPEAN STATE SYSTEM 1815-1914

This course examines the relationships between the states of Europe just before the 19th century, throughout the century, and right afterwards until the outbreak of World War One. While the emphasis is on diplomacy and war, the course also stresses the larger context of international relations, especially the economic, social, and cultural ties across frontiers, as well as the expanding influence of European states throughout the world in the form of imperialism and colonialism. There will be three lectures per week, but factual questions and issues of interpretation will be accepted at all times in a conversational atmosphere.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There will be two examinations of two hours length. Each will be of equal weight in determining the final grade. They will be essay examinations with the addition of a map section, in which map items are to be identified. The first examination will be on October xx from 7-9 p.m. The second will be at the scheduled summary bloc period; students will select a question dealing with one of the nine groups of specialized readings along with essays dealing with the course work since the previous examination. Graduate students are excused for the mid-term examination, but will write on two of the specialized sets of readings plus an essay from the later part of the course. Fourth credit students will meet biweekly in a research and writing seminar; discussions and reports on selected topics will lead to a scholarly paper critiqued by the seminar class. Grades for the fourth credit will become 33% of the final grade. Attendance is mandatory (graded along with participation).

TEXT: Agatha Ramm, Europe in the Nineteenth Century 1789-1905 [Grant & Temperley's Europe in the 19th & 20th Centuries, 7th edition, vol. I] (Longman, New York, 1984)

Wed Sep	4	Organization	F.R. Bridge & R. Bullen, <u>The Great Powers and the European State System</u> , (hereafter BB) ch. 1
Fri	6	The <u>Ancien Regime</u>	Ramm, ch. 1-2 *1 A. Sorel <u>Europe under the Old Regime</u>
Mon	9	Transformations 1789-1814	Ramm, ch. 3-6 *1 R.R. Palmer & J. Colton, <u>A History of the Modern World</u> , 351-408
Wed	11	The Congress of Vienna, 1815	Ramm, ch. 7 *1 C.K. Webster <u>The Congress of Vienna</u>
Fri	13	The Congress System	Ramm, ch. 8 *1 or *2 F. Artz <u>Reaction and Revolution 1814-1832</u> , 184-292
Mon	16	Autocracies	Ramm, 147-159 *2 C. Breunig <u>The Age of Revolution and Reaction 1789-1850</u> , 169-195
Wed	18	Constitutionalism and Liberal Revolution	Ramm, 159-165 *2 F. Artz, 184-292
Fri	20	The Eastern Question 1820-1841	Ramm, 205-213 *3 M.S. Anderson, <u>The Eastern Question 1778-1923</u> , ch. 3-4
Mon	23	The Revolutions of 1848-49	Ramm, ch. 10-11 *2,*3 or *4 W.L. Langer <u>Political and Social Upheaval</u> , 351-456
Wed	25	Napoleonic France	Ramm, ch. 16 and pp 318-322 *5 J.P.T. Bury <u>Napoleon and the Second Empire</u> , 35-139
Fri	27	Russia and the Crimean War	Ramm, 213-227; 322-325 *3 N. Rich <u>Why the Crimean War?</u> 1-122
Mon	30	The Expanding British Empire	Ramm, 316-318 *5 B. Porter <u>The Lion's Share</u> 1-118
Wed Oct	2	The Unification of Italy	Ramm, ch. 15 *3 or *4 H. Hearder, <u>Europe in the 19th Century, 1830-1880</u> , 269-394
Fri	4	Germany and the Schleswig-Holstein Question	Ramm, 251-261 *4 O.Pflanze <u>Bismarck and the Development of Germany</u> , ch. 11-12
Mon	7	Bismarck and Prussia	Ramm, 261-276 *4 K. Pinson, <u>Modern Germany</u> ch. 7
Wed Oct	9	German Unification	Ramm, 277-287

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Fri	11	Militarism *4 Hearder, 153-181	Ramm, 288-298
Mon	14	Navalism W.L. Langer, <u>The Diplomacy of Imperialism</u> , ch 13 *5 P.Kennedy, ed. <u>The War Plans of the Great Powers 1880-1914</u> , ch. 5,8	
Wed	16	MID-TERM EXAMINATION (NOTE: You may find it useful to read BB, ch. 2-4 as an overview!)	
Fri	17	Austria-Hungary *6 R.C. Binkley, <u>Realism and Nationalism</u> , ch. 11-12	Hearder, 309-321
Mon	21	Russian Imperialism and Reform *6 Hearder, 324-341	Ramm, 299-315
Wed	23	The Balkans A.J.P. Taylor, <u>The Struggle for Mastery in Europe 1848-1918</u> , 228-254 *6 W.L. Langer, <u>European Alliances and Alignments</u> , 323-407	
Fri	25	Bismark's Alliances *6 A.J.P. Taylor, 255-303	Ramm, ch. 23
Mon	28	The Colonial Scramble *6 or 7 Hearder, 352-380	Ramm, 325-329
Wed	30	"The Sick Man of Europe" *6 Hearder, 342-351	Ramm, ch. 21
Fri Nov	1	The Penetration of China and the Rise of Japan W.L. Langer <u>Diplomacy of Imperialism</u> , ch. 6 *7 D. Steed and Ian Nish, <u>China, Japan and 19th Century Britain</u> , 11-76	
Mon	4	The United States in the World Arena B. Tuchman, <u>The Proud Tower</u> , ch. 3 *7 Lionel M. Gelber, <u>The Rise of Anglo-American Friendship</u> , ch.9-11	
Wed	6	Germany's Search for "A Place in the Sun" A.J.P. Taylor 372-426 *6 W.H. Dawson <u>The German Empire</u> , II, ch. 17 and 21	
Fri	8	French Imperialism D.W. Brogan, <u>The Development of Modern France</u> OR <u>France under the Republic</u> , ch. V *7 H.J. Priestley, <u>France Overseas. A Study of Modern Imperialism</u> , 369-435	
Mon	11	British Imperialism W. Baumgart, <u>Imperialism. The Idea and Reality of British and French Colonial Expansion 1880-1914</u> , 47-90, 113-135 *7 Porter, pp. 119-232	

- Wed 13 The Anglo-German Rivalry
E.M. Carroll, Germany and the Great Powers, ch. 5
*8 B. Schmitt, England and Germany, ch. 7-8
- Fri 15 The Franco-Russian Alliance W.L. Langer, The Diplomacy of Imperialism, ch. 1-2
*8 G.F. Kennan The Fateful Alliance, pp. 116-192; 238-258
- Mon 18 "Spheres of Influence" H. Gollwitzer, Europe in the Age of Imperialism, pp. 31-124
*8 W.L. Langer, Diplomacy, ch. 19
- Wed 20 Britain Emerges from Isolation W.L. Langer, Diplomacy, ch.23
*8 G.W. Monger, The End of Isolation, pp. 1-92
- Fri 22 Public Opinion, Social Darwinism and War Ramm, ch. 24
*9 T. Hamerow, The Birth of a New Europe, 363-440
- Mon 25 Internationalism and the Peace Movement Ramm, conclusion
*9 B. Tuchman, The Proud Tower, ch. 5
- Wed 27 War Crises and the Arms Race BB, ch. VII
*9 A.J.P. Taylor, pp. 483-510

THANKSGIVING BREAK

- Mon Dec 2 War Planning, Training and Mobilization
P. Kennedy, ed. The War Plans of the Great Powers, ch. 9
*9 or 10 S.R. Williamson, Jr. The Politics of Grand Strategy, ch. 13-15
- Wed 4 The Balkan Wars A.J.P. Taylor, pp. 483-510
*9 or 10 E.C. Helmreich The Diplomacy of the Balkan Wars, 103-192
- Fri 6 Remote Origins of the War Felix Gilbert,
The End of the European Era 1890 to the Present, 3-106
*10 J. Joll, The Origins of the First World War, pp. 1-91
- Mon 9 Immediate Origins of the War BB, ch. VIII
*10 Joll, 92-206
- Wed 11 The Political, Economic and Social Setting of the War
A. Marwick, The Deluge, ch. 1
*11 Tuchman, The Proud Tower, ch. 6 and 8
- Fri 13 REVIEW LECTURE

Holborn, Hajo	Modern Germany 1840-1945 (Knopf, N.Y. 1969) DD 175.H62
Joll, James (recommended for purchase)	The Origins of the First World War (Longman, N.Y. 1984) D511.J735
Kenan, George F.	The Fateful Alliance. France, Russia and the Coming of the First World War (Pantheon, N.Y. 1984) D 511.K34
Kennedy, Paul, ed.	The War Plans of the Great Powers 1880-1914 (Allen & Unwin, London, 1979) D 511.W3
Langer, William L.	The Diplomacy of Imperialism 1890-1902 (Knopf, N.Y. 1951) D 397 L 282
—	European Alliances and Alignments (Vintage, N.Y. 1964) D 397.L20
--	Political and Social Upheaval 1832-1852 (Harper & Row, N.Y. 1969) D385. L3
Marwick, Arthur	The Deluge. British Society and the First World War (Norton, N.Y. 1970) DA 577.M37
Monger, George W.	The End of Isolation. British Foreign Policy 1900- 1907 (Thomas Nelson & Son, London, 1963) DA 570.M6
Palmer, R.R. and J. Colton	A History of the Modern World (Knopf, N.Y. 1971) D209.P26
Pflanze, Otto	Bismarck and the Development of Germany (Princeton, 1963, or new edition, 1990, 2 vols.) DD 218. P44
Pinson, Koppel	Modern Germany. Its History and Civilization (Macmillan, N.Y. 1966) DD 208.P5
Porter, Bernard	The Lion's Share. A Short History of British Imperialism 1850-1970 (Longman, NY 1975) DA16.P67
Priestley, Herbert	France Overseas. A Study of Modern Imperialism (Octagon Books, N.Y. 1966) JV 1811. P7
Rich, Norman	Why the Crimean War? A Cautionary Tale (University Press of New England, Hanover, NH 1985) DK 215.R53
Schmitt, Bernadotte	England and Germany 1740-1914 (Princeton U. Press, Princeton, N.J. 1916) D511.S28
Sorel, Albert (recommended for purchase)	Europe under the Old Regime (Harper, N.Y. 1964) JX 1315.S6
Steed, David and Ian Nish	China, Japan and 19th Century Britain (Irish U. Press, Dublin, 1977) DA 47.9 C6S73

Taylor, A.J.P. The Struggle for Mastery in Europe 1848-1918
 (Oxford U. Press, N.Y. 1954) D 359.T33

Tuchman, Barbara The Proud Tower. A Portrait of the World before the
 War (Bantam, N.Y., 1966) D 398.T8

Webster, Charles K. The Congress of Vienna
 (Barnes & Noble, N.Y. 1966) DC 249.W4

Williamson, Samuel R. Jr. The Politics of Grand Strategy. Britain and France
 Prepare for War (Harvard U. Press, Cambridge, MA
 1969) D 511.W657