

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 2004-2005

History 600

FASCISM AND NATIONAL SOCIALISM, 1914-1945

Mr Payne

This is an advanced undergraduate seminar on Fascism and National Socialism during the period 1914-1945. It will focus on Europe, though related phenomena in other parts of the world will also be studied more briefly. The cases of Italy and Germany will be emphasized, but all the other major European examples will also be examined. Students will be encouraged to undertake projects dealing with diverse cases, and to examine a variety of different themes, such as the roles of social background, economics, culture, women, religion, communism, the military, or others.

Requirements:

- 1) A reading assignment for each of the first six meetings, weekly attendance and participation in seminar discussion.
- 2) Preparation of a 20-page research paper, whose topic must be defined by September 28. The first polished draft of at least ten pages is due November 9. The full and final draft is due December 14.
- 3) During the second half of the semester each student will make a brief (25 minute) oral presentation of the main points of his/her paper.

Text: S. Payne, A History of Fascism 1914-1945.

September 7 Introduction

September 14 The Origins and Ideas of Fascism and National Socialism
Text, 3-79

September 21 Italian Fascism
Text, 80-128, 212-44

September 28 National Socialism in Germany
Text, 147-211

October 5 Fascism and the Radical Right; the Austrian and Spanish Cases
Text, 129-46, 245-67, 429-36

October 12 Fascism in Hungary and Romania
Text, 131-38, 267-89, 391-97, 415-20

October 19 Fascism and World War II
Text, 355-437

October 26-December 14 Oral Presentations

November 23 Individual research (no seminar meeting)

December 14 Final draft of research papers due

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