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History 868: Seminar in Modern French History

This course will focus on key issues in the political, social and cultural history of France in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Particular attention will be given to contemporary historiographical debates (on both sides of the Atlantic) on such topics as rural history in the nineteenth century or the Vichy régime.

Requirements: Two short (5-7 pages) review essays and one long paper (15-20 pages) on a topic to be agreed upon with the instructor. Those with an adequate knowledge of French will be required to review French language books. Students will also be responsible for leading discussions in tandem with another student.

Starred books are available for purchase at the University Bookstore. All books are on 3 hour reserve in Helen C. White Library. Most articles can be downloaded as PDF files through Madcat (just look up the name of the periodical and then track down the volume number); articles not available in this format have been placed on Electronic Reserves (EC).

Week 1. January 25. Introduction and Course Requirements

Week 2. February 1. Napoleon

*Isser Woloch, Napoleon and his Collaborators (Norton, 2001), 36-119; 157-185; 214-243.

Martyn Lyons, Napoleon Bonaparte and the Legacy of the French Revolution (St-Martin's Press, 1994), 1-4 ; 77-93; 111-128.

David Bell, The First Total War: Napoleon's Europe and the Birth of Warfare as We Know It (Houghton Mifflin, 2007), 1-20; 187-317.

Michael Broers, The First Napoleonic Regime, 1799-1815: The Origins of the Positivist Right or the Zenith of Jacobinism," in Nicholas Atkin and Frank Tallett, The Right in France: From Revolution to Le Pen (Tauris, 2003): 19-34.

Possible books for review: Geoffrey Ellis, Napoleon (Longman's, 1996); numerous biographies by Jean Tulard including *Napoléon et le mythe du sauveur* (1977); Louis Bergeron, France under Napoleon [*L'épisode napoléonien*] (Princeton); Isser Woloch, The New Regime: Transformations of the French Civic Order, 1789-1820s (Norton, 1994); François Furet, Revolutionary France; Steven Englund, Napoleon : A Political Life (New York, 2004)

Week 3. February 8. 1848

*Maurice Agulhon, The Republican Experiment [*1848 ou l'apprentissage de la République*] (Cambridge UP, 1983) (read entire book)

*Karl Marx, The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte (New York, 1963). (parts I and VII are the most important ; read the rest to get the point)

Mark Traugott, Armies of the Poor : Determinants of Working-Class Participation in the Parisian Insurrection of June 1848 (Transaction publishers, 2002) : intro to new edition, xiii-xxxiv

Possible books for review: Ronald Aminzade, Ballots and Barricades. Class Formation and Republican Politics in France, 1830-1871 (Princeton, 1993); Maurice Agulhon, The Republic in the Village [*La république au village*] (Cambridge, 1982); Ted Margadant, French Peasants in Revolt. The Insurrection of 1851 (Princeton, 1979); Peter McPhee, The Politics of Rural Life. Political Mobilization in the French Countryside 1846-1852 (Oxford, 1992); Roger V. Gould, Insurgent Identities: Class, Community, and Protest in Paris from 1848 to the Commune (Chicago, 1995); Jill Harsin, Barricades: The War of the Streets in Revolutionary Paris, 1830-1848 (New York, 2002); Sudhir Hazareesingh, The Legend of Napoleon (Granta, 2005); Sudhir Hazareesingh, The Saint-Napoleon (Harvard, 2004); Steven Englund, Napoleon : A Political Life (New York, 2004); Bernard Ménéger, Les Napoleon du peuple (Paris, 1988) ; Natalie Petiteau, Napoléon, de la mythologie à l'histoire (Paris, 1999)

Week 4. February 15. Peasants and the French Nation

*Eugen Weber, Peasants into Frenchmen : The Modernization of Rural France, 1870-1914 (Stanford, 1976), 3-22 ; 50-114 ; 195-220 ; 240-277 ; 292-338 ; 471-496.

Graham Robb, The discovery of France: a historical geography from the Revolution to the First World War (Norton, 2007), pp. TBA

Edward Berenson, "Politics and the French Peasantry : The Debate continues," Social History 12 (1987): 213-229

Ernest Renan, "What is a nation?" in Geoff Eley and Ronald Grigor Suny, Becoming National: A Reader (Oxford, 1996), 42-55. [You can also read the French original entitled "*Qu'est-ce qu'une nation?*" available in multiple editions in Memorial Library]

Possible books for review: Alain Corbin, The Village of Cannibals [*Le village des cannibales*] (Cambridge, Mass, 1992); Alain Corbin, The Life of an Unknown: The Rediscovered World of a Clog Maker in Nineteenth Century France (Paris, 1998), prelude, 1-70, 127-162, 179-213; Tony Judt, Socialism in Provence (Cambridge, 1979); Laura Levine Frader, Peasants and Protest. Agricultural Workers, Politics, and Unions in the Aude (Berkeley, 1991); Raymond Jonas, Industry and Politics in Rural France (Ithaca, 1994); James R. Lehning, Peasant and French: Cultural Contact in Rural France During the Nineteenth Century (Cambridge, 1995); Peter Sahlin, Forest Rites. The War of the Demoiselles in Nineteenth-Century France (Cambridge, 1994),

Week 5. February 22. Religion

Ruth Harris, Lourdes. Body and Spirit in the Secular Age (Viking Press, 1999), 3-22, 55-82, 210-87, 357-66

Caroline Ford, Divided Houses: Religion and Gender in Modern France (Cornell University Press, 2005), 1-16, 37-71, 94-149.

Carol Harrison, "Zouave Stories: Gender, Catholic Spirituality, and French Responses to the Roman Question," Journal of Modern History 79 (2007), 274-305.

Week 6. February 29. The Great War

***** First review essay due Monday February 25*****

* Stéphane Audoin-Rouzeau and Annette Becker, 14-18: Understanding the Great War (Hill and Wang, 2003), 1-181, 226-37.

Susan Grayzel, "The Soul of Soldiers": Civilians under Fire in First World War France," Journal of Modern History 78 (2006): 588-622.

Week 7. March 7. The French Political Model

Pierre Rosanvallon, The Demands of Liberty : Civil Society in France since the Revolution (Harvard University Press, 2007), 1-62; 94-117; 149-265. French Original: Le modèle politique français.

Andrew Jainchill and Samuel Moyn, "French Democracy between Totalitarianism and Solidarity: Pierre Rosanvallon and Revisionist Historiography," Journal of

Modern History 76 (March 2004), 107-154.

Possible books for review: Pierre Rosanvallon, Democracy Past and Future (Columbia University Press, 2006)

Week 8. March 14. Fascism

* Brian Jenkins ed., France in the Era of fascism : Essays on the French Authoritarian Right (New York, 2005), 1-21; 22-64; 65-92; 129-150; 200-218

Sean Kennedy, Reconciling France Against Democracy. The Croix de Feu and the Parti Social Français, 1927-1945 (Montreal, 2007), 3-16, 85-119, 158-82, 189-224, 259-269

Miranda Pollard, "Sexing the Subject: Women and the French Right, 1938-58," in The Right in France, 231-44

Kevin Passmore, "Class Gender and Populism: The Parti Populaire Français in Lyon, 1936-40," in The Right in France, 183-214.

Possible books for review: Robert O. Paxton, French Peasant Fascism: Henry Dorgères and the Crisis of French Agriculture (Oxford, 1997); Robert J. Soucy, French Fascism; the Second Wave 1933-1989 (New Haven, 1995); Pierre Milza, Fascisme français: Passé et présent; Zeev Sternhell, Neither Right nor Left: Fascist Ideology in France (English translation, 1996); Kevin Passmore, From Liberalism to Fascism : The Right in a French Province (Cambridge, 1997)

Week 9. March 21. Spring Break.

Week 10. March 28. Vichy France.

*Philippe Burrin, France under the Germans: Collaboration and Compromise (NY, 1998), 1-46, 69-112, 175-261, 278-323, 398-436, 459-67.

Robert Gildea, Marianne in Chains (NY, 2002), 1-19; 42-89, 246-70, 403-11

Geoff Watkins, "Recent Work on France and the Second World War," Journal of Contemporary History 37 (2002): 637-47

Pierre Laborie, "1940-1944: Double Think in France," in Sarah Fishman et al., France at War: Vichy and the Historians (Berg, 2000), 181-90.

Possible books for review: ; Julian Jackson, France : The Dark Years, 1940-44 (Oxford, 2001); H. R. Kedward, In Search of the Maquis. Rural Resistance in Southern France 1942-1944 (Oxford, 1993); Roderick Kedward, Resistance in Vichy France (Oxford, 1982); Pierre Laborie, L'opinion publique sous Vichy; John Sweets, Choices in Vichy

France. The French under Nazi Occupation (Oxford, 1986); Alain Brossat, Les tondues: un carnaval Moche (Paris, 1992); Hanna Diamond, Women and the Second World War in France, 1939-1948 : choices and constraints (Longman's, 1999); Vicki Caron, Uneasy Asylum: France and the Jewish Refugee Crisis, 1933-1942 (Stanford, 1999); Alice Kaplan, The Collaborator: The Trial and Execution of Robert Brasillach (2000); Oliver Wieviorka, Les Orphelins de la République. Destinées des députés et sénateurs français, 1940-45 (Paris, 2001) ; Fabrice Virgili, Shorn Women. Gender and Punishment in Liberation France (Berg, 2002); Kristen Childers Stromberg, Fathers, Families and the State in France 1914-1945 (Cornell, 2003).

Week 11. April 4. Immigration and the Republic

* Mary D. Lewis, The Boundaries of the Republic: Migrant Rights and the Limits of Universalism in France, 1918-1940 (Harvard UP, 2007), 1-83, 118-215, 243-55.

Gérard Noiriel, The French Melting Pot (Minnesota), xi-xxix; 1-44; 227-278.

Clifford Rosenberg, Policing Paris: The Origins of Modern Immigration Control between the Wars (Cornell, 2006), 76-106, 198-212.

Possible books for review: Patrick Weil, La France et ses étrangers: l'aventure d'une politique de l'immigration, de 1938 à nos jours (Gallimard, 1995); Vincent Viet, La France immigrée: construction d'une politique, 1914-1997 (Fayard, 1998); Riva Kastoryano, Negotiating Identities: States and Immigrants in France and Germany (Princeton, 2002)

Week 12. April 11. Foreign Policy

***** Second review essay due Monday April 7 *****

Michael Sutton, France and the Construction of Europe, 1944-2006 (Berghahn Books, 2007), pp. TBA.

Helga Haftendorn et al., The Strategic Triangle: France, Germany, and the United States in the Shaping of the New Europe (Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2006), pp. 1-73.

Andy Smith, "The Government of the European Union and a Changing France," in Pepper D. Culpepper et al., Changing France: The Politics that Markets Make (Palgrave, 2006), 179-197

Michael Creswell, A Question of Balance: How France and the United States Created Cold War Europe (Harvard UP, 2006), 1-21.

Frances Lynch, "France and European Integration: From the Schuman Plan to Economic and Monetary Union," Contemporary European History 13 (2004): 117-21.

Possible books for review: Anthony Adamthwaite, Grandeur and Misery. France's bid for power in Europe 1914-1940 (London, 1995); Michael Creswell, A Question of Balance: How France and the United States Created Cold War Europe (Harvard UP, 2006); William Hitchcock, France Restored: Cold War Diplomacy and the Quest for Leadership in Europe, 1944-1954 (Chapell Hill, 1998), 1-168; 203-09.

Week 13. April 18. French Culture

* Vanessa Schwartz, It's so French: Hollywood, Paris, and the Making of Cosmopolitan Film Culture (Chicago, 2007), pp. 1-154, 199-204.

Tamara Chaplin, Turning on the Mind: French Philosophers on Television (University of Chicago Press, 2007), pp. 1-16, 87-178, 226-39.

Week 14. April 25. The Memory of Vichy and the Holocaust

* Samuel Moyn, A Holocaust Controversy: The Treblinka Affair in Postwar France (Brandeis University Press, 2005), 1-121; 141-68.

* Henry Rousso, The Vichy Syndrome: History and Memory in France since 1944 (Harvard University Press), 1-11, 15-131, 168-216 (skim), 219-22, 241-71, 297-306.

Week 15. May 2. The History of Anti-Americanism

* Philippe Roger, The American Enemy: A Story of French Anti-Americanism. (University of Chicago Press, 2005), 1-29, 157-202, 219-53, 257-337, 373-453.

Week 16. May 9. Islam and *laïcité* from an American Perspective

John R. Bowen, Why the French don't like Headscarves: Islam, the State and Public Space (Princeton, 2007), 1-33, 65-127, 155-81, 208-49.

Joan Scott, The Politics of the Veil (Princeton, 2007), pp. TBA.

Possible books for review: Trica Keaton, Muslim Girls and the Other France (Indiana, 2006) ; Caitlin Killian, North African Women in France : Gender, Culture and Identity (Stanford, 2006) ; Fadela Amara, Ni Putes, ni soumises (Paris, 2003)

***** Final 15 to 20 page Paper due Friday May 16 *****