

Introduction to Early Modern & Modern European History  
History 891; Professors Sorkin & Wandel  
Fall, 2004; Thursday 1:20; 5245 Humanities

This seminar will offer an historiographical survey of selected topics in European history from 1500 to 2000. It is intended to introduce graduate students to the main literature and thus to serve as preparation for teaching and research. The course will be coordinated by Professors Sorkin and Wandel with guest presentations by most of the Department's Europeanists. The course will be open to all graduate students but is especially aimed at early modern and modern Europeanists.

Assignments. Students will be required to write a 3 page review of each week's readings (with the exception of the first week). This assignment is intended to give students practice in writing professional book reviews. That paper will be due at the beginning of each seminar. In addition, students will write a 10 page review paper on a topic of their choice which will be due at the end of the course (exam period).

Books (\* = available at UBS; CL = on reserve at College Library; R = Course Reader, Bob's Copy Shop, University Square)

Bouwsma William, The Waning of the Renaissance, 1550-1640 (Yale, 2000)\*

Cioc, Mark, The Rhine: An Eco-biography, 1815-2000 (Weyerhaeuser, 2002)\*

Fitzpatrick, Sheila, The Russian Revolution (Oxford, 1994)\*

Furet, François, Interpreting the French Revolution R

idem., The Passing of an Illusion: The Idea of Communism in the Twentieth Century (Chicago, 2000)\*

Griffin, Roger, The Nature of Fascism (Routledge, 1993)\*

Harris, Ruth, Lourdes: Body and Spirit in the Secular Age (Penguin, 1999)\*

Hunt, Lynn, Politics, Culture and Class in the French Revolution (California, 1986)\*

Jones, Peter, The French Revolution in Social and Political Perspective ( )R

Michael Marrus, The Holocaust in History (Hanover, NH, 1987)\*

Merriman, John, A History of Modern Europe from the Renaissance to the Present (Norton, 1996) CL

Mills, Kenneth and Grafton, Anthony eds., Conversion: Old Worlds and New (Rochester, 2003)

O'Connell, Sean, The car in British society: Class, gender, and motoring, 1896-1939 (Manchester, 1998)\*

Payne, Stanley, A History of Fascism, 1914-1945 (Wisconsin, 1995) CL

Porter, Roy, The Enlightenment 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Palgrave: Houndmills, Basingstoke, 2001)\*

Proctor, Robert, Racial Hygiene under the Nazis (Harvard, 1989)\*

William R. Shea and Mariano Artigas, Galileo in Rome: the rise and fall of a troublesome genius (Oxford, 2003)

Smith, Bonnie, The Gender of History: Men, Women and Historical Practice (Harvard, 2000)\*

## I. Periodization

1. The Renaissance and Early Modern Europe; David Sorkin & Lee Wandel 2 September

Bouwsma William, The Waning of the Renaissance, 1550-1640 (Yale, 2000)

Kelly, Joan, "Did Women Have a Renaissance," in idem., Women, History and Theory (Chicago, 1984) 19-50

Patricia Skinner, "Confronting the 'Medieval' in Medieval History: the Jewish Example," Past and Present no. 181, 219-47

Shmuel N. Eisenstadt & Wolfgang Schluchter, "Introduction: Paths to Early Modernities--A Comparative View," Daedalus 127 (1998): 1-18.

2. The French Revolution; Suzanne Desan 9 September

John Merriman, A History of Modern Europe from the Renaissance to the Present (N.Y., 1996), 495-547 (= a general overview of the course of the Revolution for those who have not previously studied the Revolution)

Lynn Hunt, Politics, Culture, and Class in the French Revolution (Berkeley, 1984), preface to 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ed. xi-xv (in packet); pages from any edition: 1-86, 176-236

François Furet, Interpreting the French Revolution, 22-28, 36-39, 46-63

Peter Jones, ed. The French Revolution in Social and Political Perspective, 460-65

3. The Russian Revolution; David McDonald 16 September

Fitzpatrick, Sheila, The Russian Revolution (Oxford, 1994) or the section on the revolution in:

Gregory Freeze, Russia: A History (

Evtuhov, Goldfrank, Hughes and Stites, A History of Russia

Rex Wade, The Russian Revolution, 1917

Hugh Ragsdale, "Comparative Historiography of the Social History of Revolutions: English, French and Russian," Journal of the Historical Society 3:3-4 (Summer-Fall 2003)323-371

Leopold Haimson, "The Problem of Social Stability in Urban Russia," Slavic Review (2000)

## II. Early Modern Themes

4. Religion and Science; Lee Wandel 23 September

William R. Shea and Mariano Artigas, Galileo in Rome: the rise

and fall of a troublesome genius (Oxford, 2003)  
Colin A. Russell, "The Conflict of Science and Religion," from  
Science and Religion: A Historical Introduction ed., Gary B.  
Ferngren (Hopkins, ) 3-12  
David B. Wilson, "The Historiography of Science and Religion," in  
ibid., 13-29

5. Enlightenment; David Sorkin, 30 September

Roy Porter, The Enlightenment 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Palgrave: Houndmills,  
Basingstoke, 2001)

Robert Darnton, "The Case for the Enlightenment: George  
Washington's False Teeth," in George Washington's False  
Teeth (New York, 2003) 3-24 DC33.4 D36 2003 CL

Isaiah Berlin, "The Counter-Enlightenment," in idem., Against the  
Current ed., Henry Hardy (New York, 1982) 1-24 CL

TCW Blanning, "The Enlightenment in Catholic Germany," in Roy  
Porter and Mikulas Teich eds., The Enlightenment in National  
Context (Cambridge, 1981) 118-126 CL

David Sorkin, "Reclaiming Theology for the Enlightenment: The  
Case of Siegmund Jacob Baumgarten (1706-1757)," Central  
European History 36 (2003) no. 4, 503-530 CL

6. Globalization through Christianity; Lee Wandel 7 October

Mills, Kenneth and Grafton, Anthony eds., Conversion: Old Worlds  
and New (Rochester, 2003) chs. 3-7

Sabine MacCormack, "Time, Space, Ritual Action: The Inka and  
Christian Calendars in Early Colonial Peru," Native  
Traditions in the Postconquest World eds. Elizabeth Hill  
Boone and Tom Cummins (Dumbarton Oaks, 1998) 295-343

Kenneth Mills, Idolatry and its Enemies: Colonial Andean Religion  
and Extirpation, 1640-1750. Introduction, chs. 1-3, 8-9.

### **No class 14 October**

#### III. Modern Themes

7. Modern State and Ethnicity; Fran Hirsch 21 October

Proctor, Robert, Racial Hygiene under the Nazis (Harvard, 1989)

8. Consumer Culture and Modernity; Rudy Koshar 28 October

Sean O'Connell, The car in British society: Class, gender, and  
motoring, 1896-1939 (Manchester University Press 1998)

Victoria de Grazia, "Changing Consumption Regimes in Europe,  
1930-1970: Comparative Perspectives on the Distribution  
Problem," in Susan Strasser, et al, eds., Getting and  
Spending: European and American Consumer Societies in the  
Twentieth Century (Cambridge UP/GHI, 1998), 59-83;

Kurt Moeser, "World War I and the Creation of Desire for Automobiles in Germany," in *Getting and Spending, 195-222*

9. Socialism and Communism; Laird Boswell 4 November

Furet, François, The Passing of an Illusion: The Idea of Communism in the Twentieth Century (Chicago, 2000)

10. European Jewry; David Sorkin 18 April  
Emancipation:

Reinhard Rürup, "Jewish Emancipation and Bourgeois Society," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook 14 (1969) 67-91 CL

Hans Rogger, "The Question of Jewish Emancipation: Russia in the Mirror of Europe," in idem., Jewish Policies and Right-Wing Politics in Imperial Russia (1986) 1-24 CL

David Sorkin, "Port Jews and the Three Regions of Emancipation," Jewish Culture and History 4 (Winter, 2001) 31-46 CL

Assimilation/Acculturation

J. Frankel & S. Zipperstein ed. Assimilation and Community: The Jews in Nineteenth-Century Europe (Cambridge, 1992) DS 135 E83 A85 1991

Phyllis Cohen Albert, "Israelite and Jew: how did nineteenth-century French Jews understand assimilation," in J. Frankel & S. Zipperstein ed. Assimilation and Community: The Jews in Nineteenth-Century Europe (Cambridge, 1992) 88-109. CL

David Sorkin, "Emancipation's Impact on German Jewry: A Reconsideration," in Jonathan Frankel and Steven Zipperstein eds., Assimilation and Community in European Jewry, 1815-81 (Cambridge University Press, 1992), 177-198. CL

Israel Finestean, "Jewish Emancipationists in Victorian England: self-imposed limits to assimilation", in Frankel & Zipperstein ed. Assimilation & Community 38-56. CL

Antisemitism

Shulamit Volkov, "Antisemitism as a Cultural Code," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook 23 (1987) 25-45. CL

Zeev Sternhell, "Roots of Popular Antisemitism in the Third Republic," in Frances Malino and Bernard Wasserstein eds., The Jews in Modern France (1985) 103-134. CL

Carl Schorschke, "Politics in a New Key: An Austrian Trio," in idem., Fin de Siecle Vienna: Politics and Culture (New York, 1981) 116-180. CL

Holocaust

Michael Marrus, The Holocaust in History (Hanover, NH, 1987)1-54.

11. Fascism; Stan Payne 18 November

Griffin, Roger, The Nature of Fascism (Routledge, 1993)

Payne, Stanley, A History of Fascism, 1914-1945 (Wisconsin,

12. Popular Religion; Jim Donnelly 2 December

Harris, Ruth, Lourdes: Body and Spirit in the Secular Age  
(Penguin, 1999)

13. Environment and Capitalism; Alison Frank 9 December

Cioc, Mark, The Rhine: An Eco-biography, 1815-2000 (Weyerhaeser,  
2002)

John McNeill, Something New Under the Sun (photocopy or  
order?) Prologue and Chapter 1

14. Gender; Lou Roberts 16 December

Smith, Bonnie, The Gender of History: Men, Women and Historical  
Practice (Harvard, 2000)\*