

France 1500-Present Preliminary Exams Reading List With Suzanne Desan and Laird Boswell

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Early Modern France

General Surveys

Colin Jones, *The Great Nation: France from Louis XV to Napoleon*
Pierre Goubert, *The Ancien Regime*
Daniel Roche, *France in the Enlightenment*
Jacques Revel and Lynn Hunt, *Histories: French Constructions of the Past*
Gwynne Lewis, *France 1715-1804: Power and People*

Politics

James Collins, *The State in Early Modern France*
William Beik, *Absolutism and Society in Seventeenth-Century France: State Power and Provincial Aristocracy in Languedoc*
Pierre Goubert, *Louis XIV and Twenty Million Frenchmen*
Merrick, *The Desacralization of the French Monarchy in the Eighteenth Century* (not all)
Paul Sonino, ed. *The Reign of Louis XIV*
David Bell, *The Cult of the Nation in France*
P. M. Jones, *Reform and Revolution in France: The Politics of Transition, 1774-1791* (briefly)

Society and Economy

Lisa Jane Graham, *If the king only knew : seditious speech in the Reign of Louis XV*
Sharon Kettering, *French Society, 1589-1715*
Le Roy Ladurie, *The Peasants of Languedoc*
Goubert, *The French Peasantry in the Seventeenth Century*
Steven Kaplan, *Bread, Politics, and Political Economy in the Reign of Louis XV*
Steven Kaplan, *The Bakers of Paris and the Bread Question 1700-1775*
Louis Ménétra, *Journal of My Life*, ed. Daniel Roche (for teaching)
Sarah Maza, *The Myth of the French Bourgeoisie*
David Garrioch, *The Formation of the Parisian Bourgeoisie, 1690-1830*
Sue Peabody, "There are No Slaves in France": *The Political Culture of Race and Slavery in the Ancien Regime* (look at)

Nobility

Jay Smith, *The Culture of Merit: Nobility, Royal Service, and the Making of Absolute Monarchy in France, 1600-1789*
Ralph Giesey, "State Building in Early Modern France: The Role of Royal Officialdom," *Journal of Modern History* 55 (1983) 191-207
David Bien, "Offices, Corps, and a System of State Credit: The Uses of Privilege under the Ancien Regime," in *The French Revolution and the Creation of Modern Political Culture*, vol I, ed. Keith Baker

Michael Kwass, *Privilege and the Politics of Taxation in Eighteenth-century France: Liberté, Egalité, Fiscalité*

Jonathan Dewald, *The European Nobility, 1400-1800*

Jonathan Dewald, *Aristocratic Experience and the Origins of Modern Culture*

Popular Culture

NZ Davis, *Society and Culture in Early Modern France* (Women on Top; The Rites of Violence)

NZ Davis, *The Return of Martin Guerre*

Peter Burke, *Popular Culture in Early Modern France* (look at)

Robert Munchembled, *Popular Culture and Elite Culture in France, 1400-1750*

Daniel Roche, *The People of Paris: An Essay in Popular Culture in the 18th Century*

Sewell, *Work and Revolution in France: The Language of Labor from the Old Regime to 1848*

Arlette Farge, *Subversive Words*

Family/Sex

Ariès and Duby, eds. *A History of Private Life*, esp. vol. 3

Thomas Laqueur, *Making Sex*

Foucault, *History of Sexuality* vol 1

Gender

Sarah Hanley, "Engendering the State: Family Formation and State Building in Early Modern France," *French Historical Studies* 16, no. 1 (1989)

Olwen Hufton, *The Prospect Before Her: A History of Women in the West*, vol 3 (Not all)

Olwen Hufton, "Women and the Family Economy in 18th Century France," *French Historical Studies* 9 (1975)

Clare Crowston, *Fabricating Women: The Seamstresses of Old Regime France*

Religion

Ronald Schechter, *Obstinate Hebrews: Representations of Jews in France, 1715-1817*

Jay R. Berkovitz, *Rites and Passages: The Beginnings of Modern Jewish Culture in France, 1650-1860*

Literacy and History of Reading

Chartier, *The Cultural Use of Print in Early Modern France*

Colonization, Slavery, and the Atlantic Economy

Kenneth Banks, *Chasing Empire Across the Sea: Communications and the State in the French Atlantic, 1713-1763*

Peter Moogk, *La Nouvelle France: The Making of French Canada, A Cultural History*

CLR James, *The Black Jacobins*

Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815*

Guillaume Aubert, " 'The Blood of France,' Race and Purity of Blood in the French Atlantic World," *William and Mary Quarterly* 61 (2004): 439-478

David Gaspar and David Geggus, *A Turbulent Time: The French Revolution and the Greater Caribbean* (Essays by C Fick and Geggus)
 Carolyn Fick, *The Making of Haiti: The Saint Domingue Revolution from Below*
 Laurent Dubois, *Avengers of the New World*
 Laurent Dubois, *A Colony of Citizens*
 Shannon Lee Dawdy, *Building the Devil's Empire: French Colonial New Orleans*
 Yves B  not, *La R  volution Fran  aise et la fin des colonies*
 Joseph Roach, "Body of Law: The Sun King and the Code Noir," and Elizabeth Colwill, "Sex, Savagery and Slavery in the Shaping of the Body Politic" both in *From the Royal to the Republican Body: Incorporating the Political in Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century France*, ed. Sarah Melzer and Kathryn Norberg
 David Byron Davis, *The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture*
 John Garrigus, *Before Haiti: Race and Citizenship in French Saint-Domingue*
 Michel Rolph-Trouillot, "An Unthinkable History: The Haitian Revolution as a Non-Event," in *Silencing the Past: Power and the Production of History* (1995)

Enlightenment

Dorinda Outram, *The Enlightenment*
 Peter Gay, ed. *The Enlightenment: An Anthology* (Montesquieu and climate, Rousseau's social contract, Holbach on Nature)
 Lynn Hunt, ed. *The French Revolution and Human Rights*
 Emmanuel Chukwudi Eze, ed. *Race and the Enlightenment: A Reader* (Compte de Buffon on geography and culture, Cuvier on the variety of the human species)
 Voltaire, *Candide*
 Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*
 Melvin Richter, *The Political Theory of Montesquieu* (essays on climate, slavery, and the morals and manners of different nations)
 Isser Woloch, *Eighteenth-century Europe, tradition and progress, 1715-1789*
 Dena Goodman, *The Republic of Letters: A Cultural History of the French Enlightenment*
 KM Baker, *Inventing the French Revolution*
 Darnton, *The Forbidden Best-Sellers of Pre-Revolutionary France*
 Jeffrey Ravel, *The Contested Parterre: Public Theater and French Political Culture, 1680-1791*

French Revolution

Alexis de Tocqueville, *The Old Regime and the French Revolution*
 Peter Jones, ed. *The French Revolution in Social and Political Perspective* (classic articles)
 Gary Kates, ed. *The French Revolution: Recent Debates* (Essays by Souboul, Lucas, Furet, Baker, Jones, Maza, Tackett, and Desan)
 Colin Jones, "The Great Chain of Buying: Medical Advertisement, the Bourgeois Public, and the Origins of the French Revolution," *American Historical Review* 101 (1996): 13-40
 Georges Lefebvre, *The Coming of the French Revolution*
 Soboul, *The Sans-Culottes*
 William Doyle, *The Origins of the French Revolution*
 Peter McPhee, *The French Revolution*
 Timothy Tackett, *Becoming a Revolutionary: The Deputies of the French National Assembly and the Emergence of a Revolutionary Culture* (read beginning for reaction to Furet)

Ruth Scurr, *Fatal Purity: Robespierre and the French Revolution*
David Bell, *The First Total War: Napoleon's Europe and the Birth of Warfare as We Know It*
Steven Englund, *Napoleon: A Political Life*
Isser Woloch, *Napoleon and His Collaborators*

The Revolution in Culture

Francois Furet, *Interpreting the French Revolution*
Lynn Hunt, "Review: Penser la Revolution Francaise," *History and Theory* 20 (1981): 313-323
Chartier, *The Cultural Origins of the French Revolution*
Antoine de Baecque, *The Body Politic: Corporeal Metaphor in Old Regime France*
Patrice Higonnet, *Goodness Beyond Virtue: Jacobins during the French Revolution*
Mona Ouzouf, *Festivals and the French Revolution*
Furet and Ouzouf, *A Critical Dictionary of the French Revolution* (look at)
Sarah Maza, *Private Lives and Public Affairs: The Causes Célèbres of Prerevolutionary France*
Sarah Maza, "Luxury, Morality, and Social Change: Why There Was No Middle-Class
Consciousness in Pre-Revolutionary France," *The Journal of Modern History* 69 (1997)
Dorinda Outram, *The Body and the French Revolution: Sex, Class, and Political Culture*
(Suzanne has mixed feelings; read for arguments)
Lynn Hunt, *The Family Romance in the French Revolution*
Carla Hesse, *The Other Enlightenment: How French Women Became Modern*
Andrew Jainchill, *Reimagining Politics after the Terror: The Republican Origins of French
Liberalism*
Dale Van Kley, "Church, State, and the Ideological Origins of the French Revolution," *The
Journal of Modern History* 51 (1979)

Late Modern France

General Textbooks

Maurice Agulhon, *The French Republic (La République 1880 à nos jours)*
Serge Bernstein, *De Gaulle's Republic (La France de l'expansion)*
François Furet, *Revolutionary France (La Révolution, 1789-1880)*
Jeremy Popkin, *A History of Modern France*
Charles Sonderwine, *France Since 1870*

Napoleon and the Napoleonic Legend

David Bell, *The First Total War: Napoleon's Europe and the Birth of Warfare as We Know It*
Sudhir Hazareesing, *The Legend of Napoleon*
Isser Woloch, *Napoleon and his Collaborators*

1830/The July Monarchy

John Merriman, *1830 in France*
David Pinkney, *The French Revolution of 1830*
Pamela Pilbeam, *The Constitutional Monarchy in France, 1814-1848*

1848

Maurice Agulhon, *The Republican Experiment (L'apprentissage de la République)*

Maurice Agulhon, *The Republic in the Village*

Roger V. Gould, *Insurgent Identities: Class, Community, and Protest in Paris from 1848 to the Commune*

Karl Marx, *The Eighteenth of Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*

Mark Traugott, *Armies of the Poor: Determinants of Working-Class Participation in the Parisian Insurrection of June 1848*

Second Empire through the Paris Commune

Gay L. Gullickson, *Unruly Women of Paris: Images of the Commune*

Sudhir Hazareesingh, *From Subject to Citizen: The Second Empire and the Emergence of Modern French Democracy*

Jacques Rougerie, *Paris Libre*

Jacques Rougerie, *Procès des Communards*

Robert Tombs, *The Paris Commune, 1871*

The Third Republic

Eric Cahm, *The Dreyfus Affair in French Society and Politics*

Philip Nord, *The Republican Moment: Struggles for Democracy in Nineteenth-Century France*

Eugen Weber, *Peasants into Frenchmen: The Modernization of Rural France, 1870-1914*

The First World War and its Consequences

Stéphane Audoin-Rouzeau and Annette Becker, *14-18: Understanding the Great War*

Jean-Jacques Becker, *The Great War and the French People (Comment les français sont entrés dans la guerre)*

Patrick Fridenson, *The French Home Front 1914-1918*

Suzanne Grayzel, *Women's Identities at War: Gender, Motherhood, and Politics in Britain and France during the First World War*

Antoine Prost, *Veterans of the Great War and French Society, 1914-1940*

The Interwar Years

Serge Bernstein, *La France des années 30*

Julian Jackson, *The Popular Front in France*

Clifford Rosenberg, *Policing Paris: The Origins of Modern Immigration Control between the Wars*

The Defeat of 1940, Vichy, and Liberation

Marc Bloc, *Strange Defeat*

Philippe Burrin, *France Under the Germans (La France à l'heure allemande 1940-1944)*

Asher Cohen, *Persécutions et sauvetages: Juifs et Français sous l'Occupation et sous Vichy*

Robert Gildea, *Marianne in Chains*

H.R. Kedward, *In Search of the Maquis: Rural Resistance in Southern France*

Pierre Laborie, *L'opinion publique sous Vichy*

Michael Marrus and Robert O. Paxton, *Vichy France and the Jews*

Robert Paxton, *Vichy France: Old Guard, New Order*

Henri Rousso, *The Vichy Syndrome*
John Sweets, *Choices in Vichy France*
Miranda Pollard, *Reign of Virtue: Mobilizing Gender in Vichy France*
Fabrice Virgili, *Shorn Women: Gender and Punishment in Liberation France (La France 'virile': Des femmes tondues à la Libération)*

Decolonization and Algeria

Raphaëlle Branche, *La Guerre d'Algérie: Une Histoire Apaisée?*
Anthony Clayton, *The Wars of French Decolonization*
Todd Shepard, *The Invention of Decolonization*

The Postwar Years

John S. Ambler, ed. *The French Welfare State*
Francoise Gaspard, *A Small City in France: A Socialist Mayor Confronts Neofascism*
Stanley Hoffmann, *In Search of France*
Stanley Hoffmann, *Decline or Renewal? France since the 1930s*
Richard Kuisel, *Seducing the French: The Dilemma of Americanization*
Henri Mendras, *Social Change in Modern France: Towards a Cultural Anthropology of the Fifth Republic (La seconde révolution française?)*
Andrew Shennan, *De Gaulle*

1968

Raymond Aron, *The Elusive Revolution (La révolution introuvable)*
Andrew Feenberg and Jim Freedman, *When Poetry Ruled the Streets*
Michael Seideman, *The Imaginary Revolution: Parisian Students and Workers in 1968*

Cultural History

M. Miller, *The Bon Marché: Bourgeois Culture and the Department Store*
Vanessa Schwartz, *Spectacular Realities: Early Mass Culture in Fin-de-Siècle France*

Social History

Christophe Charle, *A Social History of France in the 19th Century (Histoire Sociale de la France au XIXe siècle)*
Peter McPhee, *A Social History of France 1780-1880*
Susan Pederson, *Family, Dependence and the Origins of the Welfare State: Britain and France, 1914-1945*

Intellectuals

Tony Judt, *Past Imperfect: French Intellectuals, 1944-1956*

Peasants/Rural Society

Laird Boswell, *Rural Communism in France, 1920-1939*
Emilie Carles, *A Life of her Own: The Transformation of a Countrywoman in Twentieth-Century France*

Alain Corbin, *The Village of Cannibals: Rage and Murder in France, 1870*
Peter McPhee, *The Politics of Rural Life: Political Mobilization in the French Countryside 1846-1852*

Workers/Labor and Management

Leonard Berlanstein, *The Working People of Paris, 1871-1914*
Herrick Chapman, *Working Class Radicalism and State Capitalism in the French Aircraft Industry*
Gerard Noiriel, *Workers in French Society in the 19th and 20th Centuries*
Michelle Perrot, *Workers on Strike*
William Sewell, *Work and Revolution in France*
Charles Tilly, *Strikes in France*

Urban History

Jeanne Gaillard, *Paris, La Ville*
John Merriman, *The Red City: Limoges in the Nineteenth Century*

Colonialism

Alice Conklin, *A Mission to Civilize*
Henri Brunschwig, *Mythes et réalités de l'impérialisme colonial français 1871-1914*

Religion

Ralph Gibson, *A Social History of French Catholicism in the Nineteenth Century*
Caroline Ford, *Creating the Nation in Provincial France: Religion and Political Identity in Brittany*
Ruth Harris, *Lourdes: Body and Spirit in the Secular Age*

Women/Gender

Steven Hause, *Women's Suffrage and Social Politics in the French Third Republic*
Mary Louise Roberts, *Civilization without Sexes: Reconstructing Gender in Postwar France*
Joan Scott, *Only Paradoxes to Offer: French Feminists and the Rights of Man*
Bonnie Smith, *Ladies of the Leisure Class*
Louise Tilly and Joan Scott, *Women, Work, and Family*

The Left

Tony Judt, *Marxism and the French Left*
Tyler Stovall, *The Rise of the Paris Red Belt*

The Right

René Rémond, *The Right Wing in France*
Zeev Sternhell, *Neither Right nor Left*
Robert J. Soucy, *French Fascism: The Second Wave*
Robert O. Paxton, *French Peasant Fascism: Henry Dorgères and the Crisis of French Agriculture*

Immigration and Ethnicity

John R. Bowen, *Can Islam be French? Pluralism and Pragmatism in a Secularist State*
Rogers Brubaker, *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*
Mary Lewis, *The Boundaries of the Republic: Migrant Rights and the Limits of Universalism in France, 1918-1940*
Gérard Noiriel, *The French Melting Pot (Le Creuset Français)*
Joan Scott, *The Politics of the Veil*
Patrick Weil, *La France et ses étrangers 1938-1991*