

History 223, Fall 2004
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MWF, 11 a.m.
161 Eberhart

"Modern Europe, 1750-2004"

This introductory course surveys European history from the mid-18th century through the present. Using intellectual treatises, novels, short stories, music, and other primary sources, students will examine the major landmarks in the social, intellectual, political, and cultural histories of Europe since approximately 1750 -- the Enlightenment and the French Revolution, the emergence of the nation-state, industrialization, socialism, imperialism, and the construction and fragmentation of "modern Europe" in the 20th century.

Required Readings

The following books are required for this course and are available for purchase at the UNCG Bookstore in Elliot University Center. Copies of the books will also be placed on reserve in Jackson Library.

Kishlansky, Geary, and O'Brien. *Civilization in the West, 5th Edition, Volume C*
Voltaire, *Candide* (Penguin).
Marx, *The Communist Manifesto* (International Publishers).
Orwell, *Burmese Days* (Harvest).
Camus, *The Plague* (Vintage).
Kovaly, *Under a Cruel Star* (Holmes & Meier).

Other short readings for this course will be available via electronic reserve through Jackson Library.

Grading

Grades for this course will be assigned according to the following scheme:

20% -- Midterm 1
20% -- Midterm 2
15% -- Paper
35% -- Final
10% -- Participation (includes attendance, **talking** during class discussions, and written responses to readings)

Exams

There will be two midterm exams in this course. **Midterm 1** will be held on **Monday, September 20th**. **Midterm 2** will be held on **Wednesday, October 27th**. Each exam will consist of identifications (based upon the Key Word terms listed on each lecture outline and posted on the web site) and an essay portion. The **Final Exam** will be held on **Monday, December 13th**, from **8:00 - 11:00 a.m.** in **161 Eberhart**. The exam will consist of a Key Word ID section, a passage ID section (drawn from the assigned documents for this course), and an

essay portion. Make-up exams will only be given in extreme circumstances (e.g. serious illness, bereavement), and a note must accompany requests. No "Incomplete" grades will be given.

Paper

There will be one major written assignment in this course, an essay of no less than five (5) pages on a topic to be assigned in advance. A choice of topics will be provided approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the due date, and students will be expected to draw upon the readings from the course in producing their essay. This is NOT a research paper; no outside reading or research beyond that related to the course will be required. The paper will be due **Monday, November 22 by 4 p.m.** in the History Department main office (221 McIver).

Syllabus

August 16: Introduction: "Old Europe"? "New Europe"? "Modern Europe"?!

SECTION 1: EUROPEAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE IN THE 18TH CENTURY

August 18: More than Just Mozart and Powdered Wigs: The 18th Century Frame of Mind
August 20: "Enlightenment" in Theory: Kant, Rousseau, and Montesquieu

August 23: "The best of all possible worlds"?: Practical Enlightenment and Its Critics
August 25: **Discussion: *Candide***

Reading: Xeroxed chapter from Kishlansky, 4th Edition.
Candide

SECTION 2: THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND THE BIRTH OF MODERNITY

August 27: Origins of the French Revolution

August 30: Kaarin's out of town! No Class!
September 1: The "Real" Revolution (?): The French Revolution, 1789-1791
September 3: The "Radical" Revolution and the Terror

September 6: Labor Day Holiday! No Class!
September 8: Napoleon and the End (?) of the French Revolution
September 10: **Discussion: French Revolution Documents**

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 20.
Sieyes, from "What is the Third Estate?" (1789) (E-Reserve)
"Decrees of August 4, 1789" (ER)
"Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen" (1789) (ER)
de Gouges, "Declaration of the Rights of Woman and the Citizen" (1789) (ER)
Robespierre, from "On the Principles of Political Morality" (1794) (ER)

SECTION 3: A DUAL REVOLUTION: INDUSTRIALIZATION

September 13: The Rise of Capitalism: Conditions for the Possibility
September 15: The Dark Side of the "Invisible Hand": Technology and Its Consequences
September 17: **Discussion: Industrial Revolution Documents**

September 20: **Midterm Exam 1**

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 21.
Smith, from "On the Wealth of Nations" (1776) (ER)
Engels, from "The Condition of the Working Class in England" (1844) (ER)
Ure, from "The Philosophy of Manufactures" (1835) (ER)

SECTION 4: THE AGE OF ISMS

September 22: The Age of Isms: Conservatism and Romanticism
September 24: The Rise of the Liberal Ideal

September 27: Marx's Critique of Capitalism
September 29: **Discussion: *The Communist Manifesto***

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 22.
The Communist Manifesto

SECTION 5: BUILDING STATES, CREATING NATIONS

October 1: Making States and Nations, 1850-1861: Garibaldi, Mazzini, and Italy

October 4: Creating the Second Reich: German Unification and the Triumph of Nationalism
October 6: **Discussion: Nationalism Documents**
October 8: Fall Break Holiday! No Class!

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 23.
Mill, from "Of Nationality as Connected with Representative Government" (ER)
von Treitschke, from "Politics" (ER)

SECTION 6: BOURGEOIS CIVILIZATION AT HOME AND ABROAD

October 11: Fall Break Holiday! No Class!
October 13: Life in the Urban Metropolis
October 15: Bourgeois Civilization at Home: Art and Ideas at the Fin-de-Siècle

October 18: Europeans and the "New" Imperialism
October 20: **Discussion: *Burmese Days***

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapters 24 and 25.
Burmese Days

SECTION 7: THE GREAT WAR AND THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY

- October 22: Origins of the First World War
- October 25: Experiencing "Total War": The Trenches and the Home Front
October 27: **Midterm Exam 2**
- Reading:** Kishlansky, Chapter 26.

SECTION 8: THE "DARK VALLEY": EUROPE, 1919-1945

- October 29: The Revolution in Russia
- November 1: Versailles' Legacies: Politics and Culture Between the Wars
November 3: Fascism in Inter-war Europe
November 5: The Holocaust
- November 8: World War II
November 10: **Discussion:** *The Plague*
- Reading:** Kishlansky, Chapters 27 and 28 (pp. 913-941).
The Plague

SECTION 9: POSTWAR EUROPE, 1945-1968

- November 12: The Cold War and the Making of the "Two Europes"
- November 15: Empire's Sunset: De-Colonization
November 17: From Austerity to Affluence: Socio-Cultural Change in Post-war Europe
November 19: **Discussion:** *Under a Cruel Star*
- Reading:** Kishlansky, Chapters 28 (pp. 942-948) and 29 (pp. 956-969).
Under a Cruel Star

THANKSGIVING BREAK! NO CLASS!

- November 22: **Paper Due in 221 McIver by 4 p.m.** No Class!
November 24: Thanksgiving Holiday! No Class!
November 26: Thanksgiving Holiday! No Class!

SECTION 10: EUROPE IN A POST-MODERN WORLD

- November 29: Paris and Prague, 1968: Revolutions in a Different Key
December 1: 1989: Communism's Collapse and the Re-Making of Europe
December 3: **Discussion:** "My Son the Fanatic"
- December 6: A United States of Europe?: The European Union in a Post-Modern World

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 29 (pp. 970-977) and Chapter 30.
Kureishi, "My Son the Fanatic" (ER)

Final Exam: Monday, December 13, 8:00-11:00 a.m. in our usual room.