History 408/508: Issues in Twentieth-Century European History
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Tuesdays 2-4:50

This course will be a colloquium, meaning a weekly extended group discussion of major issues and important works on twentieth-century Europe. We'll be reading a mix of classic works, recent reinterpretations, and innovative approaches. Our focus will be on good readings and robust participation.

This is a sketch of the course, the issues, and some of the work we'll read. In most cases, the readings will be selections from the books listed. The list isn't final yet; revisions are still in progress.

Week One: Rethinking Europe's Twentieth Century

Charles Maier, "Consigning the Twentieth Century to History: Alternative Narratives for the Modern Era"

Week Two: The Great War

Adam Tooze, *The Deluge: The Great War, America, and the Remaking of the Global Order, 1916-1931*

Week Three: The Great War Again

Jay Winter, ed., *The Legacy of the Great War: Ninety Years On*
Jean-Jacques Becker, *The Great War and the French People*

Week Four: The Great Depression and Fascism

Robert Paxton, *Anatomy of Fascism*
Piers Brandon, *The Dark Valley: A Panorama of the 1930s*

Week Five: Stalinism

Kotkin, *The Magnetic Mountain: Stalinism as a Civilization*
Sheila Fitzpatrick, ed., *Stalinism: New Directions*

Week Six: "Ethnic Cleansing" and Genocide

Timothy Snyder, *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin*
Christopher Browning, *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Batallion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*
Jan Gross, *Neighbors*: *The Destruction of the Jewish Community in Jedwabne, Poland*

Week Seven: Postwar Reconstruction and Decolonization

Dagmar Herzog, *Sex after Fascism: Memory and Morality in Twentieth-Century Germany*

Todd Shepard, *The Invention of Decolonization: The Algerian War and the Remaking of France*

Week Eight: The Revolutions of 1989

Charles Maier, *Dissolution: The Crisis of Communism and the End of East Germany*

Vladimir Tismaneanu, *The Revolutions of 1989*

Week Nine Islam and Muslims in Europe

Olivier Roy, *Secularism Confronts Islam*

Ian Buruma, *Murder in Amsterdam*

Week Ten: Contemporary Perspectives: the Trials of Contemporary Democracies

Tony Judt, *Ill Fares the Land* and *Postwar: A History of Europe since 1945*