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Fascism, Communism and the Crisis of Liberal Democracy: Europe, 1919-1945

This course will explore the political, social and cultural identity crisis that Western Europe faced in the interwar period, with special emphasis on the challenges to liberal democracy that were launched from mass movements on opposite ends of the political spectrum. In dissecting this crisis, we will attempt to understand where it came from, why it took the course that it did, and how it fits into the longer term narrative of Europe's democratization.

The course requirements include a mid-term (30%), a final exam (40% of grade) , given during the regularly scheduled exam period, and a short paper, 5-7 pages, double-spaced (30% of grade). No final grade will be given unless all written assignments have been completed, and un-excused late assignments will be penalized.

In the completing of all assignments, plagiarism will be taken seriously. Each student must do their own work and write in their own words, unless outside sources are directly cited. Plagiarism is not only copying exact text, but paraphrasing someone's idea without proper attribution. The University requires both faculty and students to honor the integrity of scholarship, and faculty are required to report any suspicion of cheating, collusion or plagiarism to the Academic Integrity Coordinator.

For University guidelines see: <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm>. For History Dept guidelines, <http://historyweb.ucsd.edu/pages/undergraduate/Current/plagiarism.htm>

The following books have been ordered at the Bookstore:

William Sheridan Allen, The Nazi Seizure of Power
Sheila Fitzpatrick, The Russian Revolution
Joachim Remak, The Nazi Years: A Documentary History
Martin Blinkhorn, Fascism and the Right in Europe, 1919-1945

These books have also been placed on reserve at the Central Library. Also on reserve are several copies of a textbook, Society, State and Nation in Twentieth Century Europe, for those of you who need a general overview of events. In addition, a packet of readings (those marked by a "*" on the syllabus), which each of you may purchase, can be found at University Readers and ordered online: <https://students.universityreaders.com/store/>.

PART I: POST-WAR EUROPE: "THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT?"

Sept 26 INTRODUCTION: Europe in 1919

Reading: Blinkhorn, chs. 2-3

*Mark Mazower, Dark Continent, Preface, Intro (pp 3-5, 22-27)

Oct 1 CRISIS IN GENDER RELATIONS: "THE WOMAN QUESTION"

Reading: *Roderick Phillips, Society, State and Nation, pp.142-46, 202-4

Primary Documents:

*Alexandra Kollantai, "Communism and the Family"

*Elsa Hermann, "This is the New Woman"

*French Suffrage Society, "Votes for Women"

Oct 3 CULTURAL CRISIS: THE CRITIQUE OF LIBERAL SOCIETY

Reading: * Europe: Crisis and Conflict, pp 4-7

Primary Documents:

*Martinetti, "Manifesto of Futurism"

Oct 8 POLITICAL CRISIS: REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA

Reading: Fitzpatrick, The Russian Revolution, Intro, chs.1-2

Primary Documents:

*Lenin, selections

Oct 10 POLITICAL CRISIS: THE EMERGENCE OF FASCISM

Reading: Blinkhorn, ch.1,6, pp.115-116

Oct 15 THE RISE OF FASCISM IN ITALY

Reading: Blinkhorn, p 31-36

Primary Documents:

*Giacomo Matteotti, The Fascisti Exposed, "The Conquest of Molinella"

*Charles Delzell, Mediterranean Fascism, (fascist programs, speeches)

Oct 17 CRISIS AND STABILIZATION: SPAIN AND GERMANY

Reading: *Richard Bessel, "Why did the Weimar Republic Collapse?", (to p.132)
in Ian Kershaw, ed. Weimar: Why did German Democracy Fail?,

*Luis Arranz et.al., "The Assault on Liberalism, 1914-1923", in
Junco/Shubert, eds., Spanish History Since 1808

Oct 22 RETURN TO NORMALCY: BRITAIN AND FRANCE

Reading: *Robin Winks and R.J.Q.Adams, Europe: Crisis and Conflict, pp 28-41,
176-185

Part II: INTERWAR CRISIS: THE SECOND WAVE

Oct 24 THE DEPRESSION

Reading: *Mazower, Dark Continent, ch.4, "Crisis of Capitalism"

Primary Documents:

*Men Without Work, pp.ix-xii, 100-101, 133-143, 143-154, 180-188

Oct 29 MIDTERM

Oct 31 THE SOVIET UNION: FROM LENIN TO STALIN

Reading: The Russian Revolution, chs.3-5

Primary Documents:

*Joseph Stalin, "The Socialist Drive", in Robert Daniels, The Stalin Revolution (pp.59-66)

Nov 5 ITALY: THE FASCIST STATE IN OPERATION

Reading: Blinkhorn, pp 65-71

Primary Documents:

*Delzell, ed. Mediterranean Fascism, pp.107-109, 120-126, 133-34, 199-201

Nov 7 SPAIN: THE REPUBLIC AND THE CIVIL WAR

Reading: *Nigel Townson, "The Second Republic, 1931-1936", in SpanishHistory since 1808

Blinkhorn, pp 54-56, 77-82

Primary Documents:

*Jose Maria Peman speech, in The Spanish Civil War, ed. Kenwood, pp.58-62

*Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, "26 Point Program of the Falange", in Delzell, ed. Mediterranean Fascism, (pp.272-277)

*Manuel Cortes excerpt from In Hiding

*Anarchist Texts on the Social Revolution, Spain:Social Revolution/Counter-Revolution, p. 38-49.

Nov 12 FRANCE: FROM POPULAR FRONT TO COLLABORATION

Reading: *Paxton, Europe in the Twentieth Century, pp.388-396

*Leslie Derfler, "Resistance or Collaboration? The Example of Vichy France" An Age of Conflict, (pp.172-197)

*Stanley Payne, A History of Fascism, 1914-1945, pp.397- 402

Nov 14 GERMANY: THE RISE OF FASCISM

Reading: Blinkhorn, pp 37-42

William Sheridan Allen, The Nazi Seizure of Power, Part I, pp.3-138

*Richard Bessel, "Why did Weimar fail?" pp.132-152

Primary Documents:

The Nazi Years, ch.3

Nov 19 Propaganda: FILM: "Triumph of the Will"

Nov 21-26 HITLER AND THE NAZI STATE

Reading: Blinkhorn, pp 71-77

Sheridan Allen, Nazi Seizure of Power, Part II

Primary Documents:

The Nazi Years, ch.4

Nov 28 Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 3 THE "NEW ORDER": WAR AND HOLOCAUST

Reading: Blinkhorn, pp 88-93

*Winks and Adam, Europe: Crisis and Conflict, pp 223-44

*Christopher Browning, "One Day in Jozefow: Initiation to Mass Murder", in
Nazism and German Society (pp.300-315)

Primary Documents:

The Nazi Years, chs.8-10

Dec 5 EUROPE IN 1945