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Special Topics on Central European History: The Nazi Dictatorship and the GDR

Room: York Hall, # 4050A

Time: Wednesday, 3 pm – 5.50 pm

Office Hours: Monday 2 – 3 pm and Wednesday 2 - 3 pm, H&SS, Room # 4070

Course Description

This seminar will survey the political structures of both the “Third Reich” (1933-1945) and the socialist dictatorship in the GDR (1949-1989). Of central concern is the attention historians have paid to the comparison of both systems.

Readings

The following **required books** are available in the UCSD Bookstore:

1. Tim Kirk, *Nazi Germany* (European History in Perspective), Houndmills et al. 2008.
2. Ian Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship. Problems and Perspectives of Interpretation*, New York 4th2000.
3. Norman M. Naimark, *The Russians in Germany: A History of the Soviet Zone of Occupation, 1945-1949*, Cambridge 1995.
4. Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship. Inside the GDR, 1949-1989*, Oxford 1995.
5. *Dictatorship as Experience. Towards a Social-Cultural History of the GDR*, ed. by Konrad H. Jarausch, New York/Oxford 1999/Reprinted in 2006.

General Course Requirements

For Undergraduates the course requirements include active class participation (25 %), an essay (10 page paper including bibliography 25 %), an oral presentation (20-30 minutes, 25 %) and a final exam (25 %).

For Graduates the course requirements include active class participation (20 %), an essay (20 page paper including bibliography 40 %) and an oral presentation (20-30 minutes, 40 %).

To pass this class you must reasonably satisfy all the course requirements.

Except where extensions are arranged in advance, late papers will be penalized one-third of a grade per day. A more detailed handout on the papers (including a list of suggestions) will follow.

Paper: February 25, 2009

Final Exam: Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 3 – 5.59 pm

UCSD has a university-wide Policy on Integrity of Scholarship, which is on the web at <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm>. You are responsible for understanding and acting in accordance with UCSD guidelines on academic integrity.

Schedule Plan

- Week 1 (January 7): Comparing Fascist and Communist Dictatorships: an Introduction
- Readings: Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship*, pp. 20-46; Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship*, pp. 283-286
- Week 2 (January 14): Structures of Power and the Personal Factor
- Readings: Kirk, *Nazi Germany*, pp. 34-55; Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship*, pp. 69-92; Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship*, pp. 21-56
- Week 3 (January 21): Everyday Life in the “Third Reich” and in the GDR
Guest Lecture by Patrick H. Patterson
- Readings: Kirk, *Nazi Germany*, pp. 128-131; Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship*, pp. 129-173
- Week 4 (January 28): Political Violence I: The Persecution of Jews in Nazi Germany
- Readings: Kirk, *Nazi Germany*, pp. 173-194; Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship*, pp. 93-133 and 251-262
- Week 5 (January 4): Political Violence II: The Persecution of Political Opponents in the Soviet Zone of Occupation
- Readings: Naimark, *The Russians in Germany*, pp. 353-397
- Week 6 (February 11): Consensus, Complicity, Opposition and Resistance
- Readings: Kirk, *Nazi Germany*, pp. 132-149; Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship*, pp. 183-217; Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship*, pp. 57-86 and 175-265

Week 7 (February 18): Economy and Society in the “Third Reich” and in East Germany

Readings: Kirk, *Nazi Germany*, pp. 56-112; Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship*, pp. 47-68 and 161-182; Naimark, *The Russians in Germany*, pp. 141-204

Week 8 (February 25): Foreign Policy of a Racial Empire and a Satellite State

Readings: Kirk, *Nazi Germany*, pp. 195-218; Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship*, pp. 134-160; Naimark, *The Russians in Germany*, pp. 9-68

Week 9 (March 4): Apology, Nostalgia and Critique: The Aftermath of Two Dictatorships in Germany

Week 10 (March 11): Comparing Fascist and Communist Dictatorships: a Résumé

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