

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
Department of History

HIEU 143
Fall Quarter, 2007

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EUROPEAN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY: 1870-1945

Peterson Hall 102, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am-12:20 pm
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday and Wednesday 2-3 pm, HSS 6012

HIEU 143 is an upper division lecture-discussion course for which some background in modern European history is recommended, but background in philosophy, literature, or social thought will also be helpful. The relevant chapters of Hughes, *Contemporary Europe* and/or Barraclough's *Introduction to Contemporary History* (on reserve) are suggested for those who are unfamiliar with European history between 1870 and 1945. Peter Gay's *Weimar Culture* is also available on reserve, although it is not required reading. All required readings are on reserve at Geisel Library, and readings marked with an asterisk are included in the course reader (University Readers). The following required books are available in the Bookstore:

Arthur Schopenhauer, *Essays and Aphorisms*
Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*
Sigmund Freud, *Five Lectures on Psycho-Analysis*
Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*
From Max Weber, ed. By Gerth and Mills

The course requirements include a mid-term, a final, and a 4-6 page paper. 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 paper (including a list of suggestions) will follow.

Mid-term: November 6

Paper: November 29

Final: December 12, 11:30 am-2:30 pm

I. THE IDEOLOGICAL SETTING

Sept 27 Introduction

Oct 2 The Positivist Era and the Subtext of Gender

Oct 4 Schopenhauer as Educator: Irrationalism and Aestheticism

Reading: *J. S. Mill, "The Nature of Women"

Schopenhauer, *Essays and Aphorisms*, pp. 9-147, 155-165, 180-197

Oct 9 Nihilism and the Death of God

Oct 11 Nietzsche and the Critique of Morality

Reading: Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*

- Oct 16 German Irrationalism
 Oct 18 Irrationalism and Marxism
 Reading: *Hughes, *Consciousness and Society*, chaps 1 & 2
 *Fritz Stern, *The Politics of Cultural Despair*, Introduction, chaps 1-4
- Oct 23 Marxism Divided
 Oct 25 Georges Sorel and the French Tradition
 Reading: *George Lichtheim, *Marxism*, pp. xiii-xx, 203-233, 278-303
 *Sorel, *Reflections on Violence*, intros and chapters 1-2
- Oct 30 The Will: Vitalism, Ideology, and Violence
 Nov 1 Discuss
 Nov 6 Midterm
 Reading: **Reflections on Violence*, chapters 4-7
 *Hughes, *Consciousness and Society*, chaps 3 & 5

II. STYLES OF ACADEMIC THOUGHT

- Nov 8 The Discovery of the Unconscious
 Nov 13 Psychoanalysis and Society
 Reading: *Hughes, chap 4
 Freud, *Five Lectures on Psychoanalysis*
 Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*
- Nov 15 Max Weber and Germany
 Nov 20 Weber's Social Thought
 Nov 22 THANKSGIVING
 Nov 27 Freud and Weber
 Reading: *From Max Weber*, pp. 77-156, 180-195, 245-252, 267-322
 Either Hughes, pp. 183-200, 278-335
 Or: *From Max Weber*, pp. 7-74

III. THE CRISIS OF EUROPEAN CULTURE

- Nov 29 Robert Musil and the Generation of 1905 (PAPER DUE)
 Dec 4 Weimar Culture and Political Irrationalism
 Dec 6 Fascism and the Lost Generation
 Reading: *Musil, *Precision and Soul*, 31-42, 61-65, 101-116, 134-149, 193-213
 Luft, *Eros and Inwardness in Vienna*, chap 3

FINAL EXAM: Wednesday, December 12, 11:30 am-2:30 pm

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