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HIEU 171/271
Special Topics on Central European History:
German Colonialism and Imperialism, 1871-1945

Room: HSS Building 6008

Time: Monday, 1 pm-3.50 pm

Office Hours: Wednesday, 3.30 pm-4.50 pm, H&SS, Room # 4005

Course Description

This seminar will deal with the history of German imperialism by comparing Bismarckian and Wilhelmine colonialism to Nazi expansionism. Special attention will be paid to the phenomena of racism and genocide and the relationship between imperialist rule and Islam. Students should learn to analyze historical sources and to arrive at an independent critical assessment of historiographical interpretations.

Readings

The following books are recommended:

- Jürgen Osterhammel, *Colonialism. A Theoretical Overview*, 4th edition (or later), Princeton 2002
- David B. Abernethy, *The Dynamics of Global Dominance. European Overseas Empires, 1415-1980*, New Haven/London 2000
- Dietrich Orlow, *A History of Modern Germany. 1871 to Present*, 6th edition, Upper Saddle River/New Jersey 2006
- Tim Kirk, *Nazi Germany* (European History in Perspective), Houndmills et al. 2008
- Ian Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship. Problems and Perspectives of Interpretation*, 4th edition, New York 2000

General Course Requirements

Regular class attendance will be absolutely essential for the successful completion of this course. To pass this class you must reasonably satisfy all the course requirements. For Undergraduates the course requirements include active class participation (20 %), an oral presentation (15 minutes, 20 %) and an essay (10 page paper including a bibliography, 60 %). For Graduates the course requirements include active class participation (20 %), an oral presentation (30 minutes, 20 %) and an essay (20 page paper including a bibliography, 60 %) and. The papers are due on Monday, November 29, 2010, 1 pm (both hard copy and electronic version). 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 essays (including a list of suggestions) will follow. Every student has to make a reasonable, good faith effort to complete all the course assignments in order to pass the course.

Course Policy

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. The Department of History also has established its own definition of what constitutes plagiarism. Any student found to have committed a violation of the university rules concerning academic integrity will face academic and administrative consequences. I will report all suspected academic misconduct to the Academic Integrity Office, in accordance with University policy. Administrative sanctions can range from disciplinary probation to suspension and dismissal from the university. Academic sanctions can range from an F on the assignment to an F in the class. Please also make sure to observe the rules for collaboration in preparing the writing assignment. It is fine, even encouraged, to discuss the course material with your peers. But your papers should reflect your own individual original thinking about the course themes and material. If you have any questions whatsoever about what constitutes plagiarism, how to properly credit the work and ideas of others, what constitutes permissible cooperation with other students, how to evaluate sources for quality and reliability, and so on, please feel free to contact me.

Course Schedule

Week 1 (September 27) I. Modern German History, 1871-1945

Week 2 (October 4) II. Empires and Imperialism in the 19th and 20th Century

1. Terminology

2. The Rise and Decline of the European Empires

Readings: Osterhammel, *Colonialism*, pp. 1-47 and 95-112; Abernethy, *Global Dominance*, pp. 81-103

Week 3 (October 11) III. Imperialist Intentions and Political Structures

1. German Colonialism, 1871/1883-1918

Readings: Orlow, *A History of Modern Germany*, pp. 1-77; Michael W. Doyle, *Empires* (Cornell Studies in Comparative History), Ithaca/London 1986, pp. 319-331

Week 4 (October 18) 2. Nazi Imperialism, 1933-1945

Readings: Kirk, *Nazi Germany*, pp. 195-218; Ian Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship*, pp. 134-160

Week 5 (October 25) IV. Racism, Terror Rule and Genocides

1. Racism and Anti-Semitism in the 19th and 20th Century

Readings: George L. Mosse, *Towards the Final Solution. A History of European Racism*, New York ²1985, pp.51-65 and 244-245

Week 6 (November 1) 2. The Holocaust

Readings: Kirk, *Nazi Germany*, pp. 173-194; Ian Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship*, pp. 93-133

Week 7 (November 8) 3. The Defeat of the Herero Uprising: The First German Genocide?

Readings: Benjamin Madley, From Africa to Auschwitz. How German South West Africa Incubated Ideas and Methods Adopted and Developed by the Nazis in Eastern Europe, *European History Quarterly* 35 (2005), pp. 429-464

Week 8 (November 15) 4. Terror Rule and Genocides in non-German Colonies

Forced Labor in the Congo State

The Armenian Genocide

Readings: Adam Hochschild, *King Leopold's Ghost. A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa*, New York 1999, pp. 150-166, 292-306, 321-323 and 336-337; Robert M. Naimark, *Fires of Hatred. Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth Century Europe*, Harvard 2002, pp. 17-57

Week 9 (November 22) V. Religion and Politics

1. Imperialism and Islam in German East Africa – A Case Study

Readings: J. Spencer Trimingham, *Islam in East Africa*, Oxford 1964 (extracts); Viera Pawlikowa-Vilhanova, Crescent or Cross? Islam and Christian Missions in Nineteenth-Century East and Central Africa, *Mission und Gewalt. Der Umgang christlicher Missionen mit Gewalt und die Ausbreitung des Christentums in Afrika und Asien in der Zeit von 1792 bis 1918/19* (Missionsgeschichtliches Archiv. Studien der Berliner Gesellschaft fur Missionsgeschichte 6), edited by Ulrich van der Heyden and Jurgen Becher, Stuttgart 2000, pp. 79–95

Week 10 (November 29) 2. Nazi Rule and Islam in the Middle East

Readings: Klaus Michael Mallmann/Martin Cüppers, „Elimination of the Jewish National Home in Palestine“: The Einsatzkommando of the Panzer Army Africa 1942, *Yad Vashem Studies* 35 (2007), S. 111-141

A Résumé

The essay will be due on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 1 pm.