

The University of California at San Diego

HIEU 154

Fall 2013

Modern Germany: From Bismarck to Hitler

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Class meets Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30– 4:50 pm, 2111 WLH

This is an upper-division lecture/discussion course on the history of imperial and Weimar Germany. Covering the years from the unification of the German empire to the rise of Hitler (1866-1933), the course provides students with an overview of the political, economic, social, and cultural developments of a crucial period in German history.

Required Texts:

- Volker Berghahn, *Imperial Germany 1871-1918: Economy, Society, Culture and Politics*
- Eric D. Weitz, *Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy*
- Theodor Fontane, *Effi Briest*
- Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*
- Irmgard Keun, *The Artificial Silk Girl*
- Hans Fallada, *Little Man, what now?*

Books are available for purchase at the campus bookstore and on reserve in the library. To access the material, please enter the following password: mf 154

Course Requirements:

- Attendance* & Participation 15%
 - Midterm 20%
 - Research Paper 35%
 - Final 30%
- *More than two unexcused absences will lower your grade.

Midterm and Final:

The **Midterm** and the **Final** are in-class exams. The **Midterm** is scheduled on **Tuesday, October 29**. The final will be given on **Monday, December 9, 3:30-5:59pm** (Room TBA). The **Research Paper** is due **Thursday, December 5, in class**. All students must submit a hardcopy AND an electronic version (through TED) of the Research Paper. The assignment for the Research Paper (8-10pp) will be handed out on Thursday, October 31. **NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Academic Integrity is not an option; it is mandatory. For details refer to: <http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/index.html>

CLASS SCHEDULE

OPENING WEEK

Thursday, September 26

Introduction

WEEK 1

Tuesday, October 1

The Making of a Unified Germany (1866-1871)

READING: • David Blackbourn, From Reaction to Unification (from: David Blackbourn, *The Long Nineteenth Century: A History of Germany 1780-1918*), pp. 225 – 310 (e-reserve)

Thursday October 3

The New Economy

READING: • Volker R. Berghahn, *Imperial Politics*, pp. 1 - 37

WEEK 2

Tuesday, October 8

Political Culture in Wilhelminian Germany

READING: • Volker R. Berghahn, *Imperial Politics*, pp. 176-254

Thursday, October 10

Society, Social Mobility, Minorities

READINGS: • Berghahn, *Imperial Politics*, pp. 38-120

• Begin: Theodor Fontane, Effi Briest, pp. 3-94

WEEK 3

Tuesday, October 15

Gender Issues and the Customs of the Wilhelminian Nobility – *Come prepared for class discussion of “Effi Briest”*

READING: • Finish: Theodor Fontane, Effi Briest, pp. 94-178

Thursday, October 17

The Imperial Age

READINGS: • Sebastian Conrad, *Globalization and the Nation in Imperial Germany* (Cambridge UP 2010), pp. 27-76 (e-reserve) • Berghahn, *Imperial Politics*, pp. 254-263

WEEK 4

Tuesday, October 22

The First World War

READINGS: • Berghahn, *Imperial Politics*, pp. 264-300 • Begin: Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, pp. 1 – 194

Thursday, October 24

Defeat and the Legacy of War: All Quiet on the Western Front – *Come prepared for class discussion*

READING: • Finish: Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, pp. 195-296

WEEK 5

Tuesday, October 29

IN-CLASS MIDTERM *Please bring a blue book to class*

Thursday, October 31

1918: The End of Monarchy and the Birth of the Weimar Republic

READINGS: • Eric D. Weitz, *Weimar Germany*, pp. 1-79 • The Treaty of Versailles: The Reparation Clauses (e-reserve)

(Kaes/Jay/Dimendberg, *The Weimar Republic Sourcebook*, pp. 8-9); The Constitution of the German Republic (Kaes/Jay/Dimendberg, *The Weimar Republic Sourcebook*, pp. 46-51) (e-reserve)

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE RESEARCH PAPER WILL BE HANDED OUT

WEEK 6

Tuesday, November 5

The New Democracy in Crisis

READINGS: • Eric D. Weitz, *Weimar Germany*, pp. 81-103; pp. 129-145

Thursday, November 7

Deceptive Stability: Politics and Economics (1924-1929)

READINGS: • Eric D. Weitz, *Weimar Germany*, pp. 81-127; pp. 129-168 • The Dawes Committee Report (Kaes/Jay/Dimendberg, *The Weimar Republic Sourcebook*, pp. 64-67) (e-reserve)

WEEK 7

Tuesday, November 12

Culture in the Weimar Republic

READINGS: • Eric D. Weitz, *Weimar Germany*, pp. 169-296

Thursday, November 14

Challenges of Modernity and the Transformation of Every Day Life

READINGS: • Eric D. Weitz, *Weimar Germany*, pp. 297-330 • Begin: Irmgard Keun, *The Artificial Silk Girl*, pp. 1-122.

WEEK 8

Tuesday, November 19

The Rise of the New Woman- *Come prepared for class discussion of "The Artificial Silk Girl"*

READINGS: • Finish: Irmgard Keun, *The Artificial Silk Girl*, pp. 123-192

Thursday, November 21

The Great Depression

READING: • Begin: Hans Fallada, *Little Man, what now?*, pp. 1- 187

WEEK 9

Tuesday, November 26

The Great Depression (continued) – *Come prepared for class discussion of "Little Man, what now?"*

READING: • Finish: Hans Fallada, *Little Man, what now?*, pp. 187-345

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Holiday

WEEK 10

Tuesday, December 3

Political Radicalization

READING • Eric D. Weitz *Weimar Germany*, pp. 331-368

Thursday, December 5

The Demise of Democracy and Hitler's Rise to Power

READING • Sebastian Haffner, „The Hitler Era“ (S. Haffner, *The Ailing Empire: Germany from Bismarck to Hitler*), pp. 181-216 (e-reserve)

RESEARCH PAPER DUE