

**HITO 192**  
**Senior Seminar**  
**The German Resistance against Nazism**

Instructor: Frank Biess  
Mo 3.00-3.50 pm  
HSS 5086

**Course Description:**

This seminar examines the varieties of resistance to Nazi Germany. It will also provide a more general introduction into historical research and historical analysis.

**Course Requirements:**

Attendance and active participation. All readings/film viewings are to be completed before class. Readings are accessible on e-reserve (password: fb192).

**Course Schedule and Readings:**

March 30: **Introduction**

April 6: **What is the meaning of “resistance”?**

Michael Geyer, “Resistance as Ongoing Project: Visions of Order, Obligations to Strangers, Struggles for Civil Society,” *Journal of Modern History* 64 (December 1992): S 217-41.

April 13: **Individual Resistance: The Case of Georg Elser**

Roger Moorhouse, “The Lone Bomber: Georg Elser” in idem., *Killing Hitler. The Plots, the Assassins, and the Dictator Who Cheated Death*, 49-78.

April 20: **Church Resistance: The Sermons of Bishop Graf von Galen**

Beth Griech-Polelle, “Image of a Churchman-Resister: Bishop von Galen, the Euthanasia Project and the Sermons of Summer 1941,” *Journal of Contemporary History* 36/1 (2001): 41-57

Third Sermon by Bishop Graf von Galen, August 3, 1941  
<http://www.priestsforlife.org/preaching/vongalen41-08-03.htm>

April 27: **Student Resistance: Sophie Scholl and The White Rose**

The Leaflets of the White Rose (1942-43)  
<http://www.holocaustresearchproject.org/revolt/wrleaflets.html>

Film: *The Last Days of Sophie Scholl*

May 4: **Youth Resistance: The Swing Youth**

Detlev Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany, Conformity, Opposition, and Racism in Everyday Life*, 145-174

May 11: **Jewish Resistance**

Michael Marrus, "Jewish Resistance to the Holocaust," *Journal of Contemporary History*  
30/1 (1995): 83-110

May 18: **Communist Resistance:**

TBA

June 2: **Military Resistance: The Conspiracy of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1944**

20<sup>th</sup> July personalities

Film: *Operation Valkyrie*