



Syllabus
History and Civilization
CFU 12
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Course Description

This course analyzes major political, cultural and social developments in Europe and between Europe and the rest of the world, from the late eighteenth century to the beginning of the twenty first century. It will consider the ways in which Western countries intersected processes of nation-building with imperial expansion in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. The course will treat the age of world wars in the first half of the twentieth century from the standpoint of global history. Then it will analyze how Europe's place in the world was redefined by the Cold War and by decolonization after 1945. The last part of the course will examine how Europe and the world have changed in the context of recent globalization. The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the main events and interpretations of global and international history. A specific part of the course will analyze the circulation and constructions of knowledge in the Modern World in the perspective of global history.

Teaching Method

The course will adopt an approach in terms of global history to the study of its subject matter. It will intersect an analysis of international/transnational history with an attention to culture, knowledge, everyday life, gender and race. It will combine lectures with readings, films and discussion, and will analyze a variety of primary sources, such as novels, newspaper articles, state documents, advertisements and documentaries. Students are expected to attend every class and come prepared for discussion. Additionally, students will demonstrate skills in critical reading and analytical writing through a final paper evaluating an assigned chapter from Mazower's *Dark Continent*.

Schedule of Topics

Topic 1	Global history: major themes and interpretations
Topic 2	The history of Empires 1870-1945
Topic 3	The "Age of Catastrophe," 1914-1945
Topic 4	Europe between the Cold War, Decolonization and globalization 1945-2000
Topic 5	Reflections on Europe in a global world
Topic 6	Global History of Science

Textbook and Materials

- M. Mazower, *Dark continent: Europe's Twentieth century*, London: Penguin books, 1999;
- P. Ther, *Europe Since 1989: A History*, Princeton: Princeton UP, 2016;
- Primary sources to be provided

Assessment

Requirements for the course include:

- 1) attendance and participation (10%)
- 2) in-class presentations and discussion assigned readings (30%)
- 3) paper summarizing a chapter of M. Mazower, *Dark Continent* (30%)
- 4) final oral exam (30%)

Non-attending students need to contact the Professors who will indicate textbooks and materials for the exam.

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