



Syllabus
Course *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 European countries intersected processes of nation-building with imperial expansion in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Particular attention will be devoted to the global processes of circulation and construction of knowledge in the field of science. 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 European identity have changed after the end of the Cold War and in the context of recent globalization. The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the main events and interpretations of European and international 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.

Schedule of Topics

Topic 1	Europe in the Age of Revolutions, Nations-States and Empires - 19th century
Topic 2	Europe in the Age of Catastrophe: World Wars in a Global context - first half of 20th century
Topic 3	Global History of Science: circulation and constructions of knowledge in the Modern World
Topic 4	Europe between Cold War and De-Colonization - second half of 20th century
Topic 5	Europe in a Global World - 21st century

Textbook and Materials

- D. S. Mason, *A Concise History of Modern Europe*, 2nd edition, Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2011;
- M. Mazower, *Dark continent: Europe's Twentieth century*, London: Penguin books, 1999;
- J. Osterhammel-N. P. Petersson, *Globalization: a short history*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009;
- Further Readings of History of Science (topic 3)

Assessment

Requirements for the course include:

- 1) attendance and participation (10%)
- 2) midterm written exam based on the first part of the course Europe in the Age of Revolutions, Nations-States, and Empires - 19th century. Textbooks D. S. Mason, *A Concise History of Modern Europe*, pp. 13-102 - topic 1 - (20%).
- 3) in-class presentations of specific topics and assigned readings on Global History of Science - topic 3 - (20%)
- 4) paper summarizing a chapter of M. Mazower, *Dark Continent* (20%)
- 5) final oral exam – topics 2, 4, 5 - (30%)

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