

**MMW 6:
THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND BEYOND**

Spring Quarter 2005

Instructor: Frank Biess

TAs: Leslie Hammer

Jessica Kronish

Lukasz Z. Maslanka

Elizabeth Richardson

Place:

Time: Tue Th: 11.00-12.20

Sections TBA

Course Description:

The course begins with a consideration of the causes and consequences of World War I, and then looks at post-war efforts at establishing a liberal peace. We will then consider internal and external challenges to this liberal order. This includes an examination of "revolutions" inside and outside of the West as well as different anti-imperialist movements. We will then address the deepening crisis within Europe in the interwar period, especially evident in the emergence of collectivist responses to the worldwide depression. This period of crisis provides the background for understanding World War II. The second part of the course discusses the consequences of this global conflict, especially the process of decolonization and the global antagonism between communism and capitalism during the Cold War. The last segment of the course analyzes global challenges to the Cold War order. We will end with the collapse of communism and an assessment of the prospect for human rights and democracy in the 21st century.

Course Readings:

The Heritage of World Civilization, 5th edition, vol.2: Since 1500

Ruth Klüger, *Still Alive. A Holocaust Girlhood Remembered*

Buchi Emecheta, *Second Class Citizen*

Samuel Beckett, *Waiting for Godot*

(available at UCSD bookstore)

Document Reader (available at University Readers)

Course Requirements:

You must satisfy all course requirements to pass the course. You must take all exams, turn in a research question, prospectus, and final paper, and pass section. If you do not satisfy all of these course components, you will fail the course. Attendance at sections is required. You must pass section to pass the course. More than three unexcused absences will result in section failure, and thus course failure.

Grading:

Midterm 20%

Final Exam 35%

Research Question and Annotated Bibliography (due week 3 [April 11-15]) 5%

Research Paper Prospectus (due week 6 [May 2-6]) 10%

Final Paper (due week 10 [May 30-June 3]) 20%

Section Attendance and Participation 10%

Academic Integrity:

It is your responsibility to know and observe all the UCSD rules concerning academic integrity and plagiarism. You should familiarize yourself with your responsibilities and rights under the UCSD Student Conduct Code (http://ugr8.ucsd.edu/judicial/22_00.html). Any student found to have committed a substantial violation of the university rules concerning academic integrity will fail the entire course. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, how to credit the work and ideas of others properly, how to evaluate sources for quality and reliability, or any other related issues, please feel free to talk to your TA and to see me to discuss the matter.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: THE OPENING ACT: WAR AND PEACE

March 29: Introduction: The History of the World in the 20th Century

Eric Hobsbawm, "The Century: A Bird's Eye View"

March 31: World War I and Its Aftermath

Heritage, 920-45

Woodrow Wilson, "Fourteen Points" and "Four Points"

Modris Eksteins, Rites of Spring (excerpt)

Rupert Brooke, "The Soldier"

Wilfried Owen, "Dulce et Decorum Est"

Ernst Jünger, "Fire"

WEEK 2: REVOLUTIONS

April 5: New Ways of Seeing, Hearing, and Thinking: The Modernist Revolution in Arts and Science

Heritage, 814-18

Filippo Marinetti, "The Founding and Manifesto of Futurism"

Tristan Tzara, "Dadaism"

Sigmund Freud, "Why War? Letter to Albert Einstein"

April 7: Two Revolutions: Russia and Mexico

Heritage, 840-45

V.I. Lenin, "The Task of the Proletarian Revolution" and "Marxism and Insurrection"
"Plan de Ayala"
"Agrarian Program"

WEEK 3: ANTI-IMPERIALISM

April 12: Imperialism and its Discontent I: East Asia

Heritage, 880-915

Sun-Yat Sen, "Fundamentals of National Reconstruction"
Deng Yingchao, "The Spirit of the May Fourth Movement"
Mao Ze Dong, "The Task of the Proletarian Revolution," "Combat Liberalism," "Talks at the Yen-an Forum on Literature and Art"

April 14: Imperialism and its Discontent II: India and Africa

Heritage, 852-61, 866-77

Mohandas Ghandi, "Autobiography"

RESEARCH QUESTION AND BIBLIORAPHY DUE

WEEK 4: ANTI-IMPERIALISM (CONT.)/CRISIS OF DEMOCRACY

April 19: Imperialism and its Discontent III: The Middle East

Heritage, 861-66

Theodor Herzl, "On the Jewish State"
Resolution of the General Syrian Congress, July 2, 1919
The Mandate for Palastine
Drawing Palastine's Frontier
Mustafa Kemal ("Atatürk") Outlines His Vision of the Recent Nationalist Past and the Future of the Country

April 21: Mass Society, the Great Depression, and the Crisis of Democracy

Heritage, 946-49

R. and H. Lynd, "Middletown"
Rudolf Kayser, "Americanism"
J M Keynes, "Am I a Liberal?"
Studs Terkel, *Hard Times* (Selections)
W.H. Auden, "The Unknown Citizen"

WEEK 5: COLLECTIVIST RESPONSES

April 26: Fascism, Nazism, Stalinism

Heritage, 949-69

Benito Mussolini, "The Political and Social Doctrine of Fascism"

Adolf Hitler, "Nation and Race"

Stalin, "The Socialist Drive"

April 28: MIDTERM

WEEK 6: GLOBAL WAR

May 3: War and Holocaust

Heritage, 970-80

Ruth Klüger, *Still Alive*

May 5: The War in the Pacific

Heritage, 980-97

Cook, Haruko Taya and Theodore F., "Japan at War. An Oral History" (selections)

RESEARCH PAPER PROSPECTUS DUE

WEEK 7: POSTWAR AND COLD WAR

May 10: Aftermath: The Crisis of Meaning

Samuel Beckett, *Waiting for Godot*

May 12: The Cold War

Heritage, 998-1006

Henry Luce, "The American Century"

National Security Council, NSC 68

Robert Conquest, "What To do When the Russians Come"

WEEK 8: DECOLONIZATION

May 17: Decolonization

Heritage, 1058-66

Buchi Emecheta, *Second Class Citizen*

May 19: Projects of Development

Heritage, 1032-49, 1074-77

Jean Dreze and Amaryta Sen, "India and China"

WEEK 9: PATHS TO LIBERATION, 1960S TO 1980S

May 24: Social Movements and Political Violence

Heritage, 1006-13, 1077-87

Students for a Democratic Society, "The Port Huron Statement"

Martin Luther King, "Letter from Birmingham Jail"

Betty Friedan, "The Feminine Mystique"

Che Guevara, "Message to the Tricontinental "

Fatima Mernissi, "The Place of Women in Islam"

May 26: The Revolt of Belief: The Arab/Israeli Conflict and the Iranian Revolution

Heritage, 1066-77

Asdolloah Aham's Diary Details Some Elements of the Sha's Rule in 1976 and 1977

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini Denounces the Rule of the Sha in Iran, 1975

Letter on the Position of Palestinian Refugees, 1949

The Palestinian National Charter: Resolutions of the Palestinian National Council (1968)

Platform of Likud Coalition, March 1977

Leaflet No.1 of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, 1988

WEEK 10: DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

May 31: The Collapse of Communism

Heritage, 1013-25

Vaclav Havel, "The Power of the Powerless"

June 2: Into the 21st Century

Heritage, 1085-87

Samuel Huntington. "Clash of Civilizations"

"Excerpts from 'The National Security Strategy of the United States'

Mike Davis, "Planet of Slums"

RESEARCH PAPER DUE

