HIEU 171/271
Special Topics on Central European History:
German Colonialism and Imperialism, 1871-1945

Room: HSS Building 6008
Time: Monday, 1 pm-3.50 pm
Office Hours: Wednesday, 3.30 pm-4.50 pm, H&SS, Room # 4005

Course Description
This seminar will deal with the history of German imperialism by comparing Bismarckian and Wilhelmine colonialism to Nazi expansionism. Special attention will be paid to the phenomena of racism and genocide and the relationship between imperialist rule and Islam. Students should learn to analyze historical sources and to arrive at an independent critical assessment of historiographical interpretations.

Readings
The following books are recommended:

- Tim Kirk, *Nazi Germany* (European History in Perspective), Houndmills et al. 2008
General Course Requirements
Regular class attendance will be absolutely essential for the successful completion of this course. To pass this class you must reasonably satisfy all the course requirements. For Undergraduates the course requirements include active class participation (20 %), an oral presentation (15 minutes, 20 %) and an essay (10 page paper including a bibliography, 60 %). For Graduates the course requirements include active class participation (20 %), an oral presentation (30 minutes, 20 %) and an essay (20 page paper including a bibliography, 60 %) and. The papers are due on Monday, November 29, 2010, 1 pm (both hard copy and electronic version). Except where extensions are arranged in advance, late papers will be penalized one-third of a grade per day. A more detailed handout on the essays (including a list of suggestions) will follow. Every student has to make a reasonable, good faith effort to complete all the course assignments in order to pass the course.

Course Policy
UCSD has a university-wide Policy on Integrity of Scholarship, which is on the web at [http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm](http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm). You are responsible for understanding and acting in accordance with UCSD guidelines on academic integrity. The Department of History also has established its own definition of what constitutes plagiarism. Any student found to have committed a violation of the university rules concerning academic integrity will face academic and administrative consequences. I will report all suspected academic misconduct to the Academic Integrity Office, in accordance with University policy. Administrative sanctions can range from disciplinary probation to suspension and dismissal from the university. Academic sanctions can range from an F on the assignment to an F in the class. Please also make sure to observe the rules for collaboration in preparing the writing assignment. It is fine, even encouraged, to discuss the course material with your peers. But your papers should reflect your own individual original thinking about the course themes and material. If you have any questions whatsoever about what constitutes plagiarism, how to properly credit the work and ideas of others, what constitutes permissible cooperation with other students, how to evaluate sources for quality and reliability, and so on, please feel free to contact me.
Course Schedule

Week 1 (September 27)  I. Modern German History, 1871-1945

Week 2 (October 4)  II. Empires and Imperialism in the 19th and 20th Century

1. Terminology

2. The Rise and Decline of the European Empires

Readings: Osterhammel, *Colonialism*, pp. 1-47 and 95-112; Abernethy, *Global Dominance*, pp. 81-103

Week 3 (October 11)  III. Imperialist Intentions and Political Structures

1. German Colonialism, 1871/1883-1918


Week 4 (October 18)  2. Nazi Imperialism, 1933-1945


Week 5 (October 25)  IV. Racism, Terror Rule and Genocides

1. Racism and Anti-Semitism in the 19th and 20th Century

Week 6 (November 1)  2. The Holocaust


Week 7 (November 8)  3. The Defeat of the Herero Uprising: The First German Genocide?


Week 8 (November 15)  4. Terror Rule and Genocides in non-German Colonies

Forced Labor in the Congo State

The Armenian Genocide


Week 9 (November 22)  V. Religion and Politics

1. Imperialism and Islam in German East Africa – A Case Study

Week 10 (November 29) 2. Nazi Rule and Islam in the Middle East

Readings: Klaus Michael Mallmann/Martin Cüppers, „Elimination of the Jewish National Home in Palestine“: The Einsatzkommando of the Panzer Army Africa 1942, Yad Vashem Studies 35 (2007), S. 111-141

A Résumé

The essay will be due on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 1 pm.