HIEU 117A Greece and the Balkans in the Age of Nationalism, 1683-1914

Time: Tuesday and Thursday: 12:30 - 1:50
Room: Peterson 104

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 -11:30

This course explores the history of Greece within the context of the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire during the period of nation-state building, from the defeat of the Ottoman Empire during the Ottoman-Holy League War (1683-1699) until World War I. Among the topics examine are: the socio-political system of the Ottoman War, the development of Greek and Balkan nationalisms, the wars of Independence, state and nation building, the Eastern Question, the conflicts between the Balkan states, and the

Grade Breakdown:
Class Participation .......................................................... 10%
Midterm Examination ...................................................... 40%
Final Examination .......................................................... 50%

- Participation will be based on attendance, which I will record randomly five times during the course of the quarter. You will not be penalized for an absence if it is excused. For an excused absence, you must inform me in writing at least one day in advance stating why you will be unable to attend class.
- The midterm and the final examinations will have the same format. There will three sections: identifications, multiple choice, and essay. The final is cumulative.

Required Reading.


Thomas W. Gallant, Modern Greece (hereafter, MG).


Thomas W. Gallant, Greece and the Balkans in the Age of Nationalism: Slides and Texts.

Course Schedule

2. April 2: Topic 1
3. April 7: Topic 2
4. April 9: Topic 3
5. April 14: Topic 4
6. April 16: Topic 4
7. April 21: Topic 5
8. April 23: Topic 6
9. April 28: Topic 6
10. April 30: Midterm
11. May 5: Topic 7
12. May 7: Topic 7
13. May 12: Topic 8
14. May 14: Topic 9
15. May 19: Topic 9
16. May 21: Topic 10
17. May 26: Topic 10
18. May 28: Topic 11
19. June 2: Topic 12
20. June 4: Topic 12

Final Exam: Monday, June 8, 11:30-2:30

Topic 1. The Ottoman Empire, 1453-1730

Topic 2. The Balkan Enlightenment and the Origins of Greek Nationalism
1. Gallant, MG, 9-16.

Topic 3. Balkan Society till 1800


Topic 5. Erecting a State, 1832-1864.
1. Gallant, MG, 29-44.

Topic 6. The Age of Harilaos Trikoupis

Topic 7. Irredentism, the Eastern Question, and Balkan Nationalism, 1848-1909

Topic 8. Building a Nation: Culture, Literature, and Identity
2. Gallant, ED, 15-74.
3. Pavlos Kalligas, Thanos Vlekas (relevant to Topic 9 & 10 as well)

2. Gallant, ED, 75-174.

Topic 10. Urbanization and City Life

Topic 11: Greeks outside the Kingdom during the 19th Century-early 20th : the Ionian Islands, Asia Minor, Egypt and Russia

Topic 12. Eleftherios Venizelos, Liberalism, and the Balkan Wars