Modern Germany: From Bismarck to Hitler

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This is an upper-divison lecture/discussion course on the history of imperial and Weimar Germany. Covering the years from the unification of the German empire to the rise of Hitler (1866-1933), the course provides students with an overview of the political, economic, social, and cultural developments of a crucial period in German history.

Required Texts:
• Volker Berghahn, Imperial Germany 1871-1918: Economy, Society, Culture and Politics
• Eric D. Weitz, Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy
• Theodor Fontane, Effi Briest
• Erich Maria Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front
• Irmgard Keun, The Artificial Silk Girl
• Hans Fallada, Little Man, what now?

Books are available for purchase at the campus bookstore and on reserve in the library. A few additional reading materials will be put on e-reserve. To access the material, please enter the following password: mf 154

Course Requirements:
• Attendance* & Participation  10%
• Midterm  20%
• Research Paper  35%
• Final  35%
*More than two unexcused absences will lower your grade.

Midterm and Final
The Midterm is an in-class exam, the Final a take-home. The Midterm is scheduled on Thursday, February 7. The Research Paper is due Thursday, March 14 in class. The assignment for the Research Paper (8-10pp) will be handed out on Thursday, January 31. The Final is a Take-Home Exam. Questions will be handed out on March 14. The Final is due Tuesday, March 19, 2:30pm. No late papers or exams will be accepted.

Academic Integrity
http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/index.html
CLASS SCHEDULE

WEEK 1
Tue, January 8  Introduction
Thu, January 10  The Making of a Unified Germany (1866-1871)
READING: • David Blackbourn, From Reaction to Unification
(from: David Blackbourn, The Long Nineteenth Century: A
History of Germany 1780-1918), pp. 225 – 310 (e-reserve)

WEEK 2
Tue, January 15  The New Economy
READING: • Volker R. Berghahn, Imperial Politics, pp. 1 - 37
Thu, January 17  Political Culture in Wilhelminian Germany
READING: • Volker R. Berghahn, Imperial Politics, pp. 176-254

WEEK 3
Tue, January 22  Society, Social Mobility, Minorities
READING: • Berghahn, Imperial Politics, pp. 38-120 • Begin:
Theodor Fontane, Effi Briest, pp. 3-94
Thu, January 24  Gender Issues and the Customs of the Wilhelminian
Bourgeoisie
READING: • Finish: Theodor Fontane, Effi Briest, pp. 94-178

WEEK 4
Tue, January 29  The Imperial Age
READING: • Sebastian Conrad, Globalization and the Nation in
Imperial Germany (Cambridge UP 2010) , pp. 27-76 (e-reserve)
• Berghahn, Imperial Politics, pp. 254-263
Thu, January 31  The First World War
READING: • Berghahn, Imperial Politics, pp. 264-300
• Begin: Erich Maria Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front,
pp. 1 - 194
ASSIGNMENT FOR THE RESEARCH PAPER WILL BE
HANDED OUT

WEEK 5
Tue, February 5  Defeat and the Legacy of War: All Quiet on the Western
Front
READING: • Finish: Erich Maria Remarque, All Quiet on the
Western Front, pp. 195- 296
Thu, February 7  IN-CLASS MIDTERM  Please bring a blue book to class

WEEK 6
Tue, February 12  1918: The End of Monarchy and the Birth of the Weimar
Republic
READING: • Eric D. Weitz, Weimar Germany, pp. 1-79 • The
Treaty of Versailles: The Reparation Clauses (e-reserve)
Thu, February 14  The New Democracy in Crisis
READINGS: • Eric D. Weitz, Weimar Germany, pp. 81-103; pp. 129-145

WEEK 7
Tue, February 19  Deceptive Stability: Politics and Economics (1924-1929)
READINGS: • Eric D. Weitz, Weimar Germany, pp. 81-127; pp. 129-168 • The Dawes Committee Report (Kaes/Jay/Dimendberg, The Weimar Republic Sourcebook, pp. 64-67) (e-reserve)

Thu, February 21  Culture in the Weimar Republic
READINGS: • Eric D. Weitz, Weimar Germany, pp. 169-296

WEEK 8
Tue, February 26  Challenges of Modernity and the Transformation of Every Day Life

Thu, February 28  The Rise of the New Woman

WEEK 9
Tue, March 5  The Great Depression

Thu, March 7  The Great Depression (continued)

WEEK 10
Tue, March 12  Political Radicalization
READING • Eric D. Weitz Weimar Germany, pp. 331-368

Thu, March 14  The Demise of Democracy and Hitler's Rise to Power
READING • Sebastian Haffner, „The Hitler Era“ (S. Haffner, The Ailing Empire: Germany from Bismarck to Hitler), pp. 181-216 (e-reserve)

RESEARCH PAPER DUE