

History 389 International History of Europe, 1848-1918

[fulfills GE segment 3, cat A and C: 19th and 20th Century Contributions to World Culture; requires upper division status, 10 pp. written work. See class schedule and bulletin.]

Fall 2006, Mr. D'Agostino

T-Th 1110-1215, HSS 151

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An upper-division survey of the history of international relations, centering on the world politics of the great imperial powers in war and peace, but also taking account of broad intellectual and cultural currents and social movements. We are tracing the multi-faceted story of the European world empires from their zenith of power in mid-century up to the point of their clash in world war one.

Assigned texts:

Norman Rich, Great Power Diplomacy, 1814-1914

E.J. Hobsbawm, Age of Empire

Topics include:

Introduction to the course

Imperialism, The Balance of Power, and the Revolution
(Hobsbawm, "Overture")

1848 (Rich, ch. 6)

Discussion: Imperialism in Revolutionary Times

The Near Eastern Question and the Crimean War

(Rich, chs. 5,7)

Film: Warships from Sail to Steam (to 54' 30'')

The Risorgimento

(Rich, ch. 8)

Prussia Makes Germany; Lincoln and Mexico

(Rich, chs. 9-11)

Discussion: Bismarck the "White Revolutionary"

Internationalism Among Europeans

(Hobsbawm, ch. 6, "Nations")

The First International, 1864-72

(Hobsbawm, ch. 5, "Workers")

Film: The Paris Commune (85049) 31 min.

MIDTERM DUE 3 OCTOBER

The New Imperialism (1)

(Rich, ch. 14)

The New Imperialism (2)

(Hobsbawm, ch. 3, Rich, ch. 12)

Discussion: Diplomacy of Imperialism

Tunis and Egypt, 1882

(Rich, ch. 15)

Mittelafrika and Indochina

Film on Africa: Scramble for Africa (85158) 36 min.

or: The African Cake (85163) 51 min.

Navalism, the USA, and Japan

(Hobsbawm, ch. 3, Rich, ch. 19)

Film: Warships: The Dreadnaught (from 54'30")

The British Empire at its Zenith

(Rich, ch. 14)

The Boxer Rebellion, Morocco, and Russo-Japanese War

(Rich, ch. 17)

Discussion: The British Empire; Film: The South

African War, 1899-1902 (85159), 31 min.

The New Face Of Nationalism

(Hobsbawm, 251-261)

The Second International, 1889-1914

(Hobsbawm, ch. 12)

Morocco, Bosnia, and the Balkans (1)

(Rich, ch. 16)

Morocco, Bosnia, and the Balkans (2)

(Rich, ch. 21)

Thanksgiving Break, 20-25 November

From the Balkan Wars to Sarajevo

(Rich, ch. 22)

Film: Seeds of War (85331) 40 min.

The Great War, 1914-18

(Hobsbawm, ch. 13)

Discussion: Origins of the Great War

(Review reading)

Conclusion: Wilson vs. Lenin

The lectures are not designed to instruct on all details but to stimulate the formation of opinion, in the hope that this may come forward in the written assignments. There will be a midterm paper, 5-10 pp. in length, due 3 October, and a take-home final of the same length, distributed 12 December. Grades will be based 30% on the midterm, 55% on the final, and the remainder on class contribution.

Please do not rely on email or voicemail to conduct routine class business.

