

HISTORY 369
Europe, 1900-1950
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

Welcome to History 369! This course offers a survey of European history from the beginning of the twentieth century to the aftermath of the Second World War. The brief 50-year period encompassed by this course begins with Europe as the seat of numerous global empires and continues through the First World War, the growing tension between democracy and collectivist ideologies during the interwar era, the Second World War, and the beginnings of the unexpected postwar recovery. The course will pay close attention to the variety of source materials which historians use to understand this turbulent epoch of European history.

Lectures will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. In addition, each student will attend one tutorial discussion each week.

Required Texts

The following texts should be purchased at the UBC Bookstore:

Volker R. Berghahn, *Europe in the Era of Two World Wars: From Militarism and Genocide to Civil Society, 1900-1950*

Stephen O'Shea, *Back to the Front: An Accidental Historian Walks the Trenches of World War I*

David Clay Large, *Between Two Fires: Europe's Path in the 1930s*

Some additional required readings will be available on the course website or through the UBC Library website.

Assignments

Brief written assignments may occasionally be due in the tutorials.

A *review essay* concerning Stephen O'Shea, *Back to the Front* will be due in the tutorial on Oct. 8/9.

The term paper will be due in the lecture on Monday, November 30.

Detailed information concerning these assignments will be distributed well before the due dates.

Examination

There will be a final examination during the December examination period. Please note that the date and time of the exam is set by Enrollment Services, not by the instructor.

Course Website

After being distributed in class, copies of the syllabus and the assignments will also be available on the course website. One of the reading assignments is also available from this site.

To access the course website, google
Chris Friedrichs' Teaching and Research Site
 Under Courses, select History 369

Components of the Final Grade

Class participation and short tutorial assignments	20%
Review essay assignment	20%
Term paper	40%
December exam	20%

Grading scale

Grading will be based on the scale established by the UBC Senate:

A+	90-100
A	85-89
A-	80-84
B+	76-79
B	72-75
B-	68-71
C+	64-67
C	60-64
C-	55-59
D	50-54
F	0-49

Academic Honesty

UBC expects academic honesty from all of its students. Detailed guidelines will be provided as needed, but the basic idea is very simple: always give credit where credit is due. There are serious penalties for lapses. If you are unsure about any aspect of this, always consult your instructor.

LECTURE TOPICS AND WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lecture Topics</u>	<u>Reading Assignments</u>
Sept. 9-11	Introduction to the Course	No reading assignment: Tutorials will not meet this week
Sept. 14-18	Structures of Power and Patterns of Opposition in Europe 1900-1914	Berghahn, pp. 1-25 Short primary source assignment due in the tutorial
Sept. 21-25	Causes and Character of the First World War N.B. <u>No lecture on Wed.</u>	Berghahn, pp. 25-47
Sept. 28- Oct. 2	War and Revolution	Rosa Luxemburg, "The War and the Workers" <i>(Available on the course website)</i>
Oct. 5-9	The Fragility of Democracy and the Legacies of War in Europe after 1920	Mona Siegel, "History is the Opposite of Forgetting: The Limits of Memory and the Lessons of History in Interwar France," <i>Journal of Modern History</i> 74 (2002), 770-800 <i>(available online through the UBC Library website)</i>
Oct. 13-16	The Continuing Impact of World War I on Europe <u>(No lecture on Monday)</u>	O'Shea, <i>Back to the Front</i> (entire) Review essay due in the tutorial <i>Details about this assignment will be distributed on Monday Sept. 28</i>
Oct. 19-23	Democracy Destroyed: Weimar and Nazi Germany	Berghahn, pp. 47-75; Large, chaps. 1 and 3 <i>(Large, chap. 2 optional)</i>
Oct. 26-30	Fascism and Colonialism N.B. Term paper topic statement due this week	Large, chap. 4; Derek Sayer, "British Reactions to the Amritsar Massacre, 1919-1920," <i>Past and Present</i> , no. 131 (May 1991), 130-164 <i>(available online through the UBC Library website)</i>

Dates	Lecture Topics	Reading Assignments
Nov. 2-6	Civil Peace and Civil War: Interwar Britain and Spain	Large, chaps. 5-6
Nov. 9-13	Stalin's Russia N.B. <u>No lecture on Wed.</u> (holiday)	Berghahn, pp.75-81; Large, chap. 7
Nov.16-20	Europe on the Eve of the Second World War	Berghahn, pp. 82-99; Large, chap. 8
Nov. 23-27	The Second World War: A War Against Civilians	Berghahn, pp. 99-129
Nov. 30- Dec. 4	Postwar Europe and the Meaning of the Epoch Term paper due in the lecture, Monday Nov. 30	Berghahn, pp. 130-141 Large, Epilogue