

**HIST 4243 LECTURE**  
**Germany, 1789-1918**  
Fall 2009  
Tu/Th 2:00-3:20  
WCOB 0433

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### **Course Description:**

In this course we will examine the history of “Germany” from the French Revolution (1789) until the outbreak of the First World War (1914). We will develop a broad outline of this historical period, trying to cover political, social, economic, and cultural aspects. There will be particular emphases on politics, the significance of German nationalism for German history, but also on the role of Austria.

### **Required Readings:**

- Breuilly, John, ed. *Nineteenth-century Germany: Politics, Culture, and Society 1780-1918*. London: Arnold, 2001. ISBN-13: 9780340762356
- Crankshaw, Edward. *The Fall of the House of Habsburg*. Penguin, 1983. ISBN-13: 978-0333319260
- Eyck, Erich. *Bismarck and the German Empire*. New York: W. W. Norton, 1968. ISBN-13: 978-0393002355
- Schulze, Hagen. *The Course of German Nationalism: From Frederick the Great to Bismarck, 1763-1867*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991. ISBN-13: 9780521377591

### **Regulations (Read carefully!)**

#### *Reading Assignments*

You will be assigned readings from these books for each day that the course meets. Completing these readings on the day assigned, before you come to class, is essential to your success in the course. Class discussion forms an integral part of each lecture period and the readings are an important part of this discussion. The readings do not, however, always cover the same material as is covered in lecture, and thus it is vital that you both do the readings *and* come to class.

#### *Attendance & Participation*

You are expected to attend classes. This is because, as mentioned above, in class we will cover material additional to the reading. If you do not attend all the classes, you will miss information which will be in the exams, so your absence will directly and negatively impact your grade. Perfect attendance is no guarantee of good grade, but poor attendance almost

guarantees a poor grade. While attendance is not mandatory, you will be rewarded points for attending classes.

If absence is unavoidable, it is the student's responsibility to make up any missed assignments and record all missed discussion notes from a fellow student. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend classes on a regular basis, please let me know at the beginning of the course so that we can find a workable solution.

From time to time, we will have discussions based on the lecture and the readings (which is why it is essential to read the assignments on time), and your contribution will be rewarded with points. If you have problems following the lecture, please do not hesitate to ask questions and visit me during office hours—this is why I have them. Meaningful contextual questions also count towards your participation. Total: 25 points.

### *Examinations*

■ Map Quiz: You will have to identify about 30 territories and waters on a blind map of Europe. Total: 75 points.

■ Midterm:

Undergraduate students: The first part will ask you to identify and briefly characterize the historical significance of a certain number of key terms. The second part will be a question regarding the reading assignments. The third part consists of an essay question that seeks to apply your knowledge to a specific problem of the period covered in class. Total: 150 points.

Graduate students: You will have to answer two essay questions that seek to apply your knowledge to a specific problem of the period covered in class. Total: 100 points.

Please do not forget to bring bluebooks to the midterm exams!

■ Final Examination: The final exam will be a take-home exam in form of an essay. You will be given the possibility to choose from a selection of topics that I will email you ahead of time. More details will be announced in class and per Email. Total: 250 (undergraduates) and 200 (graduate students) points respectively.

■ Two Book Reviews (Graduate students only!): You will have to write one review of Schulze, *The Course of German Nationalism*, and for the second review you may choose between Eyck, *Bismarck and the German Empire*, and Crankshaw, *The Fall of the House of Habsburg*. Total: 100 points (50 points each).

### *Grade Calculation*

#### Undergraduate students:

Map Quiz 75 points

Midterm 150 points

Final Examination 250 points

Attendance & Participation 25 points

Total 500 points

#### Graduate students:

Map Quiz 75 points

Midterm 100 points

Book Reviews 100 points

Final Examination 200 points

Final Attendance & Participation 25 points

Total 500 points

Minimum points for grade of "A" 450

Minimum points for grade of "B" 400

Minimum points for grade of "C" 350

Minimum points for grade of "D" 300

If for any family or medical reason you find it absolutely necessary to miss an examination, you must contact me before the exam to schedule a make-up exam. All students will have one week to make up the missed exam, and will be given a zero five days after the scheduled examination unless you have otherwise arranged a make-up.

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Cheating on a quiz or exam or plagiarism on an essay (taking credit for written work that is not your own) will result in a grade of "F" for that assignment. A second offense will result in an "F" for the course.

### *Inclement Weather Policy*

So long as the university remains open, this class will meet. In dangerous weather, you should not endanger your life, health, or property to attend. The ultimate responsibility for determining whether the University of Arkansas remains open or closed rests with the Campus Administration. All questions regarding Inclement Weather Procedure should be directed to the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, 422 Administrative Building, 575-2151.

### **Lecture Schedule:**

#### **WEEK 1**

Aug. 25: *Introduction*

Aug. 27: *Late 18th Century Germany and the French Revolution*  
Breuilly, ch. 2; Crankshaw, 5-10

#### **WEEK 2**

Sept. 01: No Class

Sept. 03: **Map Quiz**

#### **WEEK 3**

Sept. 08: *The Congress of Vienna*

Sept. 10: *The Congress of Vienna (II)*

#### **WEEK 4**

Sept. 15: *The Intellectual Framework of the "Pre-March"*  
Breuilly, ch. 5; Schulze, 43-63

Sept. 17: *The Impact of Industrialization*  
Breuilly, ch. 4; Schulze, 35-42, 77-81

#### **WEEK 5**

Sept. 22: *Austria under Metternich, 1809-1848*  
Crankshaw, 11-25

Sept. 24: *Prussia – Reform and Reaction 1807-1848*  
Breuilly, ch. 3

#### **WEEK 6**

Sept. 29: *The German Confederation, 1815-48*  
Schulze, 64-9

Oct. 01: *The German Confederation, 1815-48 (II)*

Grad Students Only: **First Book Review Due** (Schulze)

### **WEEK 7**

- Oct 06: *The Revolution of 1848/49*  
Breuilly, ch. 6; Schulze, 5-31, 70-6; Crankshaw, 26-45  
Oct. 08: *The Revolution of 1848/49* (II)

### **WEEK 8**

- Oct 13: *The Revolution of 1848/49* (III)  
Oct. 15: *Neo-Absolutism in Austria*  
Crankshaw, 49-98

### **WEEK 9**

- Oct 20: *The "Reaction" in Prussia*  
Eyck, 30-63  
Oct. 22: *The "German Question" 1850-66*  
Eyck, 63-7, 72-138; Breuilly, ch. 7 (pp. 138-44 only!); Schulze, 83-8; Crankshaw, 187-230

### **WEEK 10**

- Oct 27: No Class  
Oct. 29: **Midterm**

### **WEEK 11**

- Nov. 03: *The Foundation of the German Empire*  
Eyck, 139-86; Schulze, 89-101; Breuilly, ch. 7 (pp. 144-62)  
Nov. 05: *The German Empire under Bismarck, 1870-1890*  
Breuilly, ch. 8; Eyck, 195-213, 223-43, 252-61, 282-89, 298-324

### **WEEK 12**

- Nov. 10: *The German Political Right*  
Eyck, 272-82  
Nov. 12: *The German Empire under Bismarck, 1870-1890* (II)  
Eyck, 188-95, 213-23, 243-52, 261-72, 289-98  
Grad Students Only: **Second Book Review Due** (Eyck or Crankshaw)

### **WEEK 13**

- Nov. 17: *The Other German Parties (SPD, Zentrum, and Liberals)*  
Breuilly, ch. 9  
Nov. 19: *Austria-Hungary, 1867-1914*  
Crankshaw, 233-44, 249-80, 294-306

### **WEEK 14**

- Nov. 24: *The German Empire after Bismarck (1890-1914)*  
Breuilly, ch. 10  
Nov. 26: **Thanksgiving Holiday**

### **WEEK 15**

- Dec. 01: *Fin-de-Siècle Culture*  
Crankshaw, 306-20; Breuilly, ch. 11  
Dec. 03: *The Approach to War, 1892-1914*  
Crankshaw, 334-89

**WEEK 16**

Dec. 08: *July Crisis and Catastrophe, 1914*  
Crankshaw, 390-419; Breuilly, ch. 12

**WEEK 17**

Dec. 15: **Final Exam Paper Due**

