

MIR 560
EMERGENCE OF MODERN EUROPE
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The purpose of this course is to cultivate an understanding of the rise of the European hegemony from a world historical perspective. Against the widely employed "Eurocentric" approach narrating the last five centuries of world history as the "inevitable" expansion of European civilization into non-European areas, this course will attempt to show the complex nature of historical development, and to underline the crucial task of writing the peoples of non-Western areas into the rise of Europe. The course illustrates this complexity by comparing developments in China, South Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas.

A take-home exam will be given at the end of the final class session (14 September). The exam will be submitted by the next day (15 September) by 6:00 pm via Turnitin on the class moodle page.

Attendance is mandatory. More than 4 unexcused absence will result in an automatic F.

Course Schedule

1. Is Europe Unique?: The Crisis of Feudalism (5 August)

Immanuel Wallerstein, "Medieval Prelude," *The Modern World System I: Capitalist Agriculture and the Origins of the European World-Economy in the Sixteenth Century*, v. 1 (New York: Academic Press, 1974): pp. 15-63.

James L. A Webb, Jr, "Globalization of Disease, 1300-1900," *The Cambridge World History* (eds.) Jerry H. Bentley, Sanjay Subrahmanyam, and Merry Wiesner-Hanks (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015): pp. 54-75.

2. The "Columbian Exchange" and the New World (10 August)

Nooble David Cook, "Columbian Exchange," *The Cambridge World History* (eds.) Jerry H. Bentley, Sanjay Subrahmanyam, and Merry Wiesner-Hanks (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015): pp. 103-134.

3. The Atlantic Economy and Africa (12 August)

John Thornton, "The Slave Trade and The African Diaspora" *The Cambridge World History* (eds.) Jerry H. Bentley, Sanjay Subrahmanyam, and Merry Wiesner-Hanks (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015): pp. 135-159.

Sidney W. Mintz, "Production," *Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History* (New York: Penguin Books, 1986): pp. 19-73.

4. Subjects and Citizens (17 August)

Richard Bulliet, et. al. "Revolutionary Changes in the Atlantic World, 1750-1850" *The Earth and Its People: A Global History*, 5th ed. (Boston, MA: Cengage Wadsworth, 2011): pp 517-542.

Jaimie E. Rodriguez O, "Atlantic Revolutions: A Reinterpretation," *The Cambridge World History. Volume 7: Production, Connection, and Destruction, 1750-Present. Part 2: Shared Transformations*, (eds.) J. R McNeill and Kenneth L Pomeranz (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015): pp. 273-298.

5. Industrial Europe (19 August)

Eric Hobsbawm, "The Emergence of the Industrial World" and "Towards an Industrial World," *The Age of Revolution 1789-1848* (New York: Vintage Books, 1996): pp. 27-52; 168-181.

6. British Hegemony in the Age of Liberalism (24 August)

Richard Johnson, *British Imperialism* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002): pp. 18-38.

Immanuel Wallerstein, "The Incorporation of Vast Zones into the World Economy," *The Modern World System III: The Second Era of Great Expansion of the Capitalist World-Economy, 1730-1840s*, v. 3 (San Diego: Academic Press, 1989): pp. 129-189.

7. Sharing the Spoil: The New Imperialism (26 August)

Eric Hobsbawm, "The Age of Imperialism" *The Age of Empire, 1875-1914* (New York: Vintage Books, 1989): pp. 56-83.

8. The Great War (31 August)

Eric Hobsbawm, "From Peace to War" *The Age of Empire, 1875-1914* (New York: Vintage Books, 1989): pp. 302-327.

9. From Empires to Nations (2 September)

Mark Mazower, "Empires, Nations, Minorities" *Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century* (New York: Vintage Books: 2000): pp. 40-76.

William L. Cleveland, "World War I and the End of the Ottoman Order" *A History of the Modern Middle East*, 4th ed. (Boulder: Westview Press, 2009): pp. 149-170.

10. The Crisis of Capitalism (7 September)

Eric Hobsbawm, "The World Revolution" *The Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century, 1914-1991* (London: Abacus, 1995): pp. 54-84.

Eric Hobsbawm, "Into the Economic Abyss" *The Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century, 1914-1991* (London: Abacus, 1995): pp. 85-108.

11. The Rise of Fascism and World War II (9 September)

Mark Mazower, "Hitler's New Order, 1938-1945" *Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century* (New York: Vintage Books: 2000): pp. 40-76.

12. Decolonization, Cold War and the Three-World Order (14 September)

Eric Hobsbawm, "The Cold War," and "The Third World" *The Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century, 1914-1991* (London: Abacus, 1995): pp. 225-256 and 344-370.