

**ADM 1116**  
**SOCIAL AND POLITICAL HISTORY**  
**Section A** Thursday 8.40 to 11.30 am FZ17  
**Section B** Friday 8.40 to 11.30 am FZ17

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**Course Description**

This course is an introduction to the history of the western world. It examines the social and political scenery the Western civilizations from 16<sup>th</sup> century to present. While the course follows a conventional periodic reading of the developments witnessed in the western world, it analyzes those developments within a thematic framework. The course aims to provide an insight to the near history of the western world as well as to develop an understanding of the key issues and concepts that make western culture the West today.

**Course Requirements and Grading**

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| 1- Attendance and participation to discussion hours:   | 10%                 |
| 2- Mid-term exam:  | 30%                 |
| 3- Reflection papers   | 20% (5 points each) |
| Students are expected to submit 4 reflection papers of their choices out of 6 suggested topics. The papers must be handed on Mondays following the discussion group. Late papers will not be accepted. |                     |
| 4-Final Exam:  | 40%                 |

**Required Readings:**

Levack B., et. al.	<i>The West: Encounters and Transformations</i> (Pearson)
Anderson, P.	<i>Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism</i>
Beaud, M.	<i>A History of Capitalism</i> (Monthly Review)
Galeano, E.	<i>Open Veins of Latin America</i> (Monthly Review)
Hobsbawm, E.	<i>The Age of Revolution 1789-1848</i> (Penguin)
Hobsbawm, E.	<i>Age of Extremes</i> (Penguin)
Freedman, E., B.	<i>No Turning Back: History of Feminism</i> (Ballantine)
Marx, K. Engels, F.	<i>Kapital – Manga II</i> (Yordam)
Roebuck, J.	<i>The Shaping of Urban Society</i> (Charles Scribner's Son)

## Schedule of Classes

### February 26-27: Geographical Discoveries and Colonialism

Levack, B., et. al.	<i>The West</i>	Chap.: 12
Galeano, E.	<i>Open Veins of Latin America</i>	Chap.: 1

### March 4-5: Feudalism and Absolutism

Levack, B., et. al.	<i>The West</i>	Chap.: 15
Anderson, P.	<i>Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism</i>	Chap.: 1

### March 11-12: Origin of Capitalism

Beaud, M.	<i>A History of Capitalism</i>	Chap.: 1
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### Discussion Group and 1<sup>st</sup> Reflection Paper:

**Due Date: March 15**

Readings:

Mun, T.	<i>England's Treasure by Foreign Trade</i>
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### March 18-19: Age of Reason

Levack, B., et. al.	<i>The West</i>	Chap.: 18
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### March 25-26: Age of Industry

Levack, B., et. al.	<i>The West</i>	Chap: 20
Hobsbawm, E.	<i>The Age of Revolution</i>	Chap.: 2

### Discussion Group and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reflection Paper:

**Due Date: March 29**

Readings:

Kant, I.	"What is Enlightenment?"
Engels, F.	<i>The Condition of the Working Class in England</i>

### April 1-2: Class and Revolution

Levack, B., et. al.	<i>The West</i>	Chap: 19
Hobsbawm, E.	<i>The Age of Revolution</i>	Chap.: 6

### April 8-9: Emergence of Metropolis

Roebuck, J.	<i>The Shaping of Urban Society</i>	Chap.: 5
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### Discussion Group and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reflection Paper:

**Due Date: April 12**

Readings:

Marx, K. Engels, F.	<i>Kapital – Manga II</i>
Marx, K. Engels, F.	<i>The Communist Manifesto</i>

### April 15-16: Nationalism and Nation States

Levack, B., et. al.	<i>The West</i>	Chap: 21
Hobsbawm, E.	<i>The Age of Revolution</i>	Chap: 7

**April 22-23: Gender**

Freedman, E., B.

*No Turning Back*

Chap.: 1

**Discussion Group and 4<sup>th</sup> Reflection Paper:**

**Due Date: April 26**

Readings:

Alexis, S.

“Modern Housewife”

Pankhurst, S. E.

*History of the Suffrage Movement*

**April 29-30: Imperialism and War**

Levack, B., et. al.

*The West*

Chap: 23-24

**May 6-7: Crisis and War**

Levack, B., et. al.

*The West*

Chap: 26

Hobsbawm, E.

*Age of Extremes*

Chap.: 3

**Discussion Group and 5<sup>th</sup> Reflection Paper:**

**Due Date: May 10**

Readings:

Lenin, V. I.

*Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism*

Keynes, J. M.

*The Economic Consequences of the Peace*

**May 13-14: Decolonialization and The Third World**

Levack, B., et. al.

*The West*

Chap:27

Hobsbawm, E.

*Age of Extremes*

Chap.: 12

**May 20-21: End of a Century**

Levack, B., et. al.

*The West*

Chap:28

**Discussion Group and 6<sup>th</sup> Reflection Paper:**

**Due Date: May 24**

Readings:

Fukuyama, F.

“The End of History?”

Gorbachev, M.

“Perestroika”

**May 27-28: Concluding Remarks**