

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 16th 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:

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| 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. *The West* Chap.: 12
Galeano, E. *Open Veins of Latin America* Chap.: 1

March 4-5: Feudalism and Absolutism

Levack, B., et. al. *The West* Chap.: 15
Anderson, P. *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism* Chap.: 1

March 11-12: Origin of Capitalism

Beaud, M. *A History of Capitalism* Chap.: 1

Discussion Group and 1st Reflection Paper:

Due Date: March 15

Readings:

Mun, T. *England's Treasure by Foreign Trade*

March 18-19: Age of Reason

Levack, B., et. al. *The West* Chap.: 18

March 25-26: Age of Industry

Levack, B., et. al. *The West* Chap: 20
Hobsbawm, E. *The Age of Revolution* Chap.: 2

Discussion Group and 2nd Reflection Paper:

Due Date: March 29

Readings:

Kant, I. "What is Enlightenment?"
Engels, F. *The Condition of the Working Class in England*

April 1-2: Class and Revolution

Levack, B., et. al. *The West* Chap: 19
Hobsbawm, E. *The Age of Revolution* Chap.: 6

April 8-9: Emergence of Metropolis

Roebuck, J. *The Shaping of Urban Society* Chap.: 5

Discussion Group and 3rd Reflection Paper:

Due Date: April 12

Readings:

Marx, K. Engels, F. *Kapital – Manga II*
Marx, K. Engels, F. *The Communist Manifesto*

April 15-16: Nationalism and Nation States

Levack, B., et. al. *The West* Chap: 21
Hobsbawm, E. *The Age of Revolution* Chap: 7

April 22-23: Gender

Freedman, E., B.

No Turning Back

Chap.: 1

Discussion Group and 4th 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 5th 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 6th Reflection Paper:

Due Date: May 24

Readings:

Fukuyama, F.

“The End of History?”

Gorbachev, M.

“Perestroika”

May 27-28: Concluding Remarks