History 506:
Seminar in Modern European History:
Comparative Empires

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Section 1: MW, 6:10-8:00 p.m.
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Course Description:

This course compares the histories of the late Habsburg and Ottoman Empires from roughly the mid-eighteenth century to the early twentieth century. The diversity of these two vast, multiethnic empires does not permit exhaustive coverage of every constituent group or issue. Primary focus will be on the relationship between the imperial center and periphery as demonstrated through military and administrative policy, economic, social, and cultural change, nationalism, and political reform.

Despite frequent predictions of their imminent downfall from the eighteenth century onward, these “sick men” of Europe endured well into the era of the modern nation state. Until fairly recently some historians were similarly inclined to write off these vast East European empires as little more than curious anachronisms. Careful consideration of how the past of each empire broadens and deepens our understanding of empire, in general, constitutes an overarching goal of this class.

Required Texts:

Karakasidou, Anastasia N. Fields of Wheat, Hills of Blood: Passages to Nationhood in Greek Macedonia, 1870-1900 (1997)
Schorske, Carl E. Fin-de-Siècle Vienna: Politics and Culture (1981)

All additional readings are available through library databases or Blackboard.

Course Requirements:

Class Participation 50%
Historiographic Essays (2 @ 25% each) 50%
Class Participation (50%) is the lifeblood of a graduate seminar. Attendance alone does not constitute participation. Each student will lead one or more class discussions. This entails preparing thoughtful discussion questions in advance for posting on Blackboard and/or via e-mail. This should be done no later than 8 p.m. on the day prior to the class in which you will serve as the discussion facilitator. Everyone should come to class having read all assigned material and be prepared to discuss it at length. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of Blackboard’s Discussion Board to initiate or continue discussions outside the classroom.

Historiographic Essays (50%) of 12-15 pages of text (typewritten, double-spaced, one-inch margins, 12-point font, with endnotes or footnotes and bibliography) should address some aspect (e.g., agrarian reform, cultural nationalism, religion) of East European/Balkan history in comparative perspective. Students will select topics in consultation with me during office hours, so plan to meet with me at least once during the first weeks of the quarter to discuss your interests and ideas. You may benefit from consulting one of the following survey texts for ideas:


Quataert, Donald. *The Ottoman Empire, 1700-1922*, 2d ed. (2005)


For proper documentation consult one of the following research and writing guides:


COURSE SCHEDULE

Abbreviations used:

ASE: Academic Search Elite
EAA: Expanded Academic ASAP
JSTOR
PM: Project Muse

Topics & Readings:

Introduction: Coming to Terms

M 1/8 Empire

Required reading:

Doyle, Michael W. Empires (1986), 19-47, 123-38

Topic I: Delineating Time and Space

W 1/10 Historiography

Required reading:

Ingrao, Charles. The Habsburg Monarchy 1618-1815, 2d ed. (2000), 1-22
Sked, Alan. The Decline and Fall of the Habsburg Empire, 1815-1918, 2d ed. (2001), 278-329
Nisbet, Robert A. Social Change & History: Aspects of the Western Theory of Development (1969), 1-13
Quataert, Donald. The Ottoman Empire, 1700-1922, (2000), 1-12

Recommended reading:


M 1/15 Holiday
**Mapping**

**Required reading:**
Todorova, Maria. *Imagining the Balkans* (1997), 3-20; 161-83

**Recommended reading:**

**Topic II: Examining the Center**

**Military Affairs & Diplomacy**

**Required reading:**

**Recommended readings:**
__________. *The Habsburg Empire in European Affairs, 1814-1918* (1969) DB80 .J4
Court & State Institutions

Required reading:


Peirce, Leslie. The Imperial Harem: Women and Sovereignty in the Ottoman Empire (1993), 3-12


McCarthy, Justin. The Ottoman Peoples and the End of the Empire (2001), ch. 2: Reforming the Empire, 8-37.


Recommended reading:

Blanning, T. C. W. Joseph II (1994)

Brown, Carl, ed. Imperial Legacy: The Ottoman Imprint on the Balkans and the Middle East (1996)

Davison, Roderic H. Reform in the Ottoman Empire, 1856-1876 (1963)


Pamuk, Sevket. *The Ottoman Empire and World Capitalism* (1987)


**Topic III: Examining the Periphery**

M 1/29 **Economic & Social Conditions**

**Required reading:**


**Recommended reading:**


İnalçik, Halil and Quataert, Donald. *An Economic and Social History of the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1914.* 2 vols. (1994)


Pearton, Maurice. *Oil and the Roumanian State, 1895-1948* (1971)


__________, ed. *Manufacturing in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey, 1500-1950* (1994)

__________. *Ottoman Manufacturing the Age of the Industrial Revolution* (1993)


Quataert, Donald and Erik Jan Zürcher, eds. *Workers and the Working Class in the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic, 1839-1950* (1995)


Sugar, Peter. *Industrialization of Bosnia-Hercegovina, 1878-1918* (1963)

Todorov, Nikolai. *The Balkan City, 1400-1900* (1983), pt. 2

W 1/31

**Cultural Ferment, c. 1750-1848**

**Required reading:**

**Recommended readings:**
- Brock, Peter and H. Gordon Skilling, *The Czech Renascence of the Nineteenth Century* (1969) DB214 C9
- Hitchins, Keith. *Orthodoxy and Nationality: Andreiu Saguna and the Rumanians of Transylvania, 1846-1873* (1977)

__________. *Enlightenment, Nationalism, and Orthodoxy: Studies in the Culture and Political Thought of South-eastern Europe* (1994)


Porter, Brian A. *When Nationalism Began to Hate: Imagining Modern Politics in Nineteenth-Century Poland* (2000)

Runciman, Steven. *The Great Church in Captivity: A Study of the Patriarchate of Constantinople from the Eve of the Turkish Conquest to the Greek War of Independence* (1968)


**M 2/5**

**Rebels with a Cause I: Ottoman Greece (1821-1830)**

**Required reading:**


**Recommended reading:**


Rebels with a Cause II: Habsburg Hungary (1848)

Required reading:

Recommended reading:

Border Crossings I: Ashkenazim & Sephardim

Required reading:
Kieval, Hillel J. *Languages of Community: The Jewish Experience in the Czech Lands* (2000), 114-34

Recommended reading:
Border Crossings II: Bulgarians, Croats, Serbs, Bosnians, Albanians

Required readings:
Donia, Robert J. “Fin-de-Siecle Sarajevo: the Habsburg Transformation of an Ottoman Town,” Austrian History Yearbook 34 (2003): 43-76 (EAA)
Perry, Duncan. Stefan Stambolov and the Emergence of Modern Bulgaria, 1870-1895 (1993), 1-34

Recommended reading:
Blumi, Isa. Rethinking the Late Ottoman Empire: A Comparative Social and Political History of Albania and Yemen, 1878-1918 (2003)
Clogg, Richard, ed. Balkan Society in the Age of Greek Independence (1977), 137-228 (articles by Pavlowitch, Crampton, Ferguson)
Neuberger, Mary. The Orient Within: Muslim Minorities and the Negotiation of Nationhood in Modern Bulgaria (2004), 18-43. DR64.2 .M8 N48 2004

**M 2/19**

**Border Crossings III: Peasants into Poles?**

**Required reading:**

**Recommended readings:**
Jaworski, Rudolf and Bianka Pietrow-Ennker, eds. *Women in Partitioned Poland* (1992), 1-90; 143-76
Porter, Brian A. *When Nationalism Began to Hate: Imagining Modern Politics in Nineteenth-Century Poland* (2000)
Unowsky, Daniel. “‘Our gratitude has no limit’: Polish Nationalism, Dynastic Patriotism, and the 1880 Imperial Inspection Tour of Galicia,” *Austrian History Yearbook* 34 (2003): 145-72 (EAA)

**W 2/21**

**Exhibiting Empire I: Liberalism Triumphant?**

**Required reading:**
Freifeld, Alice. *Nationalism and the Crowd in Liberal Hungary, 1848-1914* (2000), 225-54

**Recommended reading:**
Cohen, Gary B. *Education and Middle-Class Society in Imperial Austria, 1848-1918* (1986)
Exhibiting Empire II: The Invention of Tradition

Required reading:


Recommended readings:
Beller, Steven. “Kraus’s Firework: State Consciousness Raising in the 1908 Jubilee Parade in Vienna and the Problem of Austrian Identity.” In Staging the Past, 46-71


**Topic IV: Modernity & Its Discontents**

**W 2/28**

**Political Polarization?**

Required reading:


Recommended reading:


Kovács, Mária M. *Liberal Professions and Illiberal Politics: Hungary and the Habsburgs to the Holocaust* (1997).


**M 3/5**

**Urban Angst and Social Decay?**

Required reading:


Kieval, Hillel J. Languages of Community: The Jewish Experience in the Czech Lands (2000), 181-97

Recommended reading:
TBA

W 3/7

Cultural Experimentation

Required reading:
Hanák, Péter. The Garden and the Workshop: Essays on the Cultural History of Vienna and Budapest, 135-46
Schorske, Carl E. Fin-de-Siècle Vienna: Politics and Culture (1981), 3-22; 181-366

Recommended reading:
Hanák, Péter. The Garden and the Workshop: Essays on the Cultural History of Vienna and Budapest, 147-77
**Topic V: Dissolution**

**M 3/12**  
**The Macedonian Question, 1908-12**

**Required reading:**  
Dakin, Douglas. *The Unification of Greece, 1770-1923* (1972), 159-79  

**Recommended reading:**  
Macfie, A. L. *The End of the Ottoman Empire* (1998)

**W 3/14**  
**World War I, 1914-1919**

**Required reading:**  
Deák, István. *Beyond Nationalism: A Social and Political History of the Habsburg Officer Corps* (1990), 190-204  
Roshwald, Aviel. *Ethnic Nationalism and the Fall of Empires: Central Europe, Russia, and the Middle East, 1914-1923* (2001), 1-6, 70-115  

**Recommended reading:**  