

***HIST 7020: ISSUES AND INTERPRETATIONS IN EUROPEAN HISTORY***  
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This reading seminar explores the recent approaches to medieval and modern European history. Special attention is given to state formation and popular politics; the public sphere and revolution; democracy, citizenship, and gender; religion and national identity; sexuality and society; welfare states, total states, and modernity.

This syllabus provides a general plan for the seminar; deviations may be necessary. Seminar members are expected to be critical readers and active discussants. It is understood that students will be honest in submitting written work for credit and the convenor will be fair in grading it. The course grade is derived from three double book reviews (60%) and participation (40%). Participation includes preparing discussion questions and co-chairing meetings of the seminar.

The seminar meets 7:15-9:45 PM Wednesday in 421-G. Comments and questions are always welcome; send email messages to [hiscif@panther.gsu.edu](mailto:hiscif@panther.gsu.edu). Office hours are 6:00-7:00 PM Wednesday and Thursday and by appointment (404/231-7964) in 834-G.

***BOOKS***

Wayne te Brake, *Shaping History: Ordinary People in European Politics, 1500-1700* (1998)

Sarah Maza, *Private Lives and Public Affairs: The Causes Célèbres of Prerevolutionary France* (1993)

Patrice Higonnet, *Goodness beyond Virtue: Jacobins during the French Revolution* (1998)

Philip Nord, *The Republican Moment: Struggles for Democracy in Nineteenth-Century France* (1995)

Joan Wallach Scott, *Only Paradoxes to Offer: French Feminists and the Rights of Man* (1996)

David I. Kertzer, *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara* (1997)

Judith R. Walkowitz, *City of Dreadful Delight: Narratives of Sexual Danger in Late-Victorian London* (1992)

Laura Engelstein, *The Keys to Happiness: Sex and the Search for Modernity in Fin-de-Siècle Russia* (1992)

Susan Pedersen, *Family, Dependence, and the Origins of the Welfare State: Britain and France 1914-1945* (1993)

Young-Sun Hong, *Welfare, Modernity, and the Weimar State, 1919-1933* (1998)

Sheila Fitzpatrick, *Stalin's Peasants: Resistance and Survival in the Russian Village After Collectivization* (1994)

Mabel Berezin, *Making the Fascist Self: The Political Culture of Interwar Italy* (1997)

Eric D. Weitz, *Creating German Communism: From Popular Protests to Socialist State* (1997)

David I. Kertzer, *Politics and Symbols: The Italian Communist Party and the Fall of Communism* (1996)

**MEETINGS, READINGS, ETC.**

**13 JAN. INTRODUCTION**

**20 JAN. SUBALTERNS**

Te Brake, *Shaping History*

**27 JAN. PUBLIC/PRIVATE**

Maza, *Private Lives and Public Affairs*

**3 FEB. THE JACOBIN PROJECT**

Higonnet, *Goodness beyond Virtue*

**10 FEB. CITIZENS**

Nord, *The Republican Moment*

**17 FEB. DEMOCRACY AND DIFFERENCE**

Scott, *Only Paradoxes to Offer*

**24 FEB. GHETTO AND NATION**

Kertzer, *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara*

**FIRST DOUBLE BOOK REVIEW DUE IN SEMINAR**

**3 MAR. METROPOLITAN SUBJECTS**

Walkowitz, *City of Dreadful Delight*

**10 MAR. SPRING BREAK**

**17 MAR. THE RUSSIAN DIFFERENCE?**

Engelstein, *The Keys to Happiness*

**24 MAR. CLASS AND GENDER**

Pedersen, *Family, Dependence, and the Origins of the Welfare State*

**31 MAR. CRISIS OF STATE**

Hong, *Welfare, Modernity, and the Weimar State*

**7 APR. WEAPONS OF THE WEAK**

Fitzpatrick, *Stalin's Peasants*

**SECOND DOUBLE BOOK REVIEW DUE IN SEMINAR**

**14 APR. SPECTACLES OF POWER**

Berezin, *Making the Fascist Self*

**21 APR. COMRADES AGAINST CITIZENS?**

Weitz, *Creating German Communism*

**28 APR. END OF HISTORY?**

Kertzer, *Politics and Symbols*

**5 MAY THIRD DOUBLE BOOK REVIEW DUE IN OFFICE (6:00 PM)**

**10 MAY GRADES DUE TO REGISTRAR**