Monarchy and Modernity in Central Europe

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History 740 Prof. Shedel
Monarchy and Modernity in Central Europe Fall 2000

Reading List:

Marc Raeff: The Well-Ordered Police State (R)
Charles Ingrao: The Habsburg Monarchy, 1618-1815 (R)
C.B.A. Behrens: Society, Government, and the Enlightenment (R)
Derek Beales: Joseph II (Vol.I) (R)
T.C.W. Blanning: Joseph II (R)
James J. Sheehan: German Liberalism in the 19th Century (R)
Pieter Judson: Exclusive Revolutionaries (R)
John Boyer: Political Radicalism in Late Imperial Vienna (R)
Hans Ulrich Wehler: The German Empire (R)
Blackbourn and Eley: The Peculiarities of German History (R)
George Strong: Seedtime for Fascism
Allan Sked: The Decline and Fall of the Habsburg Empire 1815-1918 (R)
John C.G. Röhl & Nicolaus Sombart: Kaiser Wilhelm II, New Interpretations (R)
Jeffrey R. Smith: "The Monarchy versus the Nation: The 'Festive Year' 1913 in Wilhelmine Germany"
John C.G. Röhl: The Kaiser and His Court (R)
Joseph Redlich: Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria (R)
Steven Beller: Francis Joseph (R)
Thomas Kohut: Wilhelm II and the Germans (R)
James Shedel: "Emperor, Church, and People"
John Boyer: "Religion and Political Development in Central Europe around 1900: A View from Vienna"
David Good: The Economic Rise of the Habsburg Empire 1750-1914 (R)
Arno Mayer: The Persistence of the Old Regime (R)

N.B. "(R)" indicates the book is on reserve in Lauinger Library. Copies of the assigned articles will be distributed by the professor.

Course Description: The course will look at the relationship between monarchical authority and the process of political and social modernization in Germany and Austria from the 18th through the 19th centuries. This will involve the examination of various historiographical issues connected with this process.

Requirements: All students are required to attend class and participate in discussions. Additionally, each student, depending on the size of the class, will be required to lead at least one discussion and submit a 5 page analytical critique of the readings for that week. Each student will also write a 15 to 20 page paper on a topic to be determined in consultation with the professor. A reading knowledge of German is desirable, but not required.

Assignments:

September 5 Introduction to the course
12 Raeff
19 Ingrao, Chpts.1, 5-7; Behrens
26 Beales, Chpt.14 ; Blanning

October 3 Sheehan.; Judson
10 Wehler; Blackbourn & Eley
17 Sked; Strong (Good, Intro. & Conclusion)

24 Paper Topic Meetings

31 Redlich & Beller

November 9 Röhl, Chpts. 3-4; Godsey

14 No Class

21 Kohut; Röhl & Sombart, Chpts.1,5,6,8,10; Smith

28 Shedel & Boyer(article)

December 5 Mayer

11 Papers Due