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History 28
Nations and Nationalism in Eastern Europe: 1848-1998

The historical construction of nationalist identities, social movements, and self-proclaimed nation states in East-Central Europe out of multi-ethnic communities and multi-cultural Empires, from the revolutions of 1848 to the contemporary break up of Yugoslavia.

Course Requirements:

The course will be conducted primarily as a discussion class. Although I will lecture on background material, particularly in the first half of the semester, it is imperative that you come to class fully prepared. This means reading AND reflecting on the day's assignment well in advance of class discussion! Occasionally I will distribute study guides and maps to help you focus your thoughts about the readings. In addition, you should be aware that the history department has implemented the following draconian policy on attendance: "Students are required to attend all classes for the successful completion of the course. Unexcused absences will result in a lower grade." Please let me know in advance of any unavoidable absences (or illnesses). Written Requirements for the class include:

1) A take-home Midterm Exam due no later than Friday, Oct. 12 at noon in the department office.
2) Participation in a discussion of the Andric novel.
3) One 7-page analytic paper on the period 1914-1939, due no later than Wednesday, Nov. 21 at noon.
4) One 12-page research or analytic paper on a subject of your choice, due Tuesday, Dec. 18
5) A take-home Final Exam essay based on the Kundera novel, due Thursday December 20

I will provide possible paper topics for the both papers, however, you are also encouraged to develop your own topic based on your particular interests and in consultation with me. You must have communicated your carefully constructed topic for the second paper to me no later than November 30. PLEASE PLAN CAREFULLY. Since the bulk of the written work for the class is due in the second half of the semester you must think ahead, and occasionally you may want to complete an assignment before the actual deadline.

Maps

I strongly recommend that you familiarize yourselves quickly with the historical geography of the regions we'll study. There are several excellent atlases in McCabe, and the Centenia program is pretty helpful in this regard. You may also wish to order Richard & Ben Crampton's Atlas of Eastern Europe in the 20th Century (Routledge) but it is expensive.

Readings:

The following titles have been ordered for you at the College Bookstore:

Ivo Andric, Bridge Over the Drina
Maria Bucur and Nancy Wingfield, eds., Staging the Past The Politics of Commemoration in Habsburg Central Europe, 1848 to the Present
E. Hoffman, Shtetl
M. Kundera, The Joke
Irina Livezeanu, Cultural Politics in Greater Romania
Bruce F. Pauley, The Habsburg Legacy, 1867-1939.
J. Rothschild, East Central Europe Between the Two World Wars
J. Rothschild and Nancy Wingfield, Return to Diversity

All books are also available on general reserve. In addition the other required readings for the course marked with an asterisk in this syllabus will be available to you on the e-reserve system at http://tries.brynmawr.edu/courseindex.asp. You can find them under either the course listing or under my name. The exclusive and ultra secret password is "nations."

Schedule of Classes and Assignments

T 9/4 Introduction to the Course

Th 9/6 The Enlightenment imagines an "Other Europe"

Reading: *L. Wolff, Inventing Eastern Europe, 1-49

T 9/11 The Feudal and Absolutist Inheritances; Lands, Cultures, States

Reading: B. Pauley, The Habsburg Legacy, pp. 1-5
*J. Sperber, The European Revolutions, 1848-1851, 95-101
*I. Deak, The Lawful Revolution, 1-30; 35-62
*P. Judson, Exclusive Revolutionaries, pp. 11-28

Th 9/13 The Revolutions of 1848

Reading: *Sperber, The European Revolutions, 1848-1851, 203-18
*P. Judson, Exclusive Revolutionaries, pp. 29-49
*Deak, The Lawful Revolution, 63-106

T 9/18 Nationalism in the Revolutions of 1848

Reading: *P. Judson, Exclusive Revolutionaries, pp. 49-68
*S. Pech, The Czech Revolution of 1848, ch. 5

Th 9/20 The Empire Strikes Back: Economy, Liberalism, and Society, 1848-1914

Reading: Pauley, pp. 5-31
D. Unowsky, "Reasserting Empire: Habsburg Imperial Celebrations after the Revolutions of 1848" in Staging the Past, pp. 13-45
*I. Deak, "Assimilation and Nationalism in East Central Europe During the Last Century of Habsburg Rule"

T 9/25 Mobilizing Nationalists in the Habsburg Monarchy

Reading: J. King, "The Nationalization of East Central Europe. Ethnicism, Ethnicity, and Beyond" in Staging the Past, pp. 112-142
*P. Judson, "Frontiers, Islands, Forests, Stones: Mapping the Geography of a German Identity in the Habsburg Monarchy, 1848-1900" in Yeager, ed., The Geography of Identity
*C. Albrecht, "Pride in Production: The Jubilee Exhibition of 1891 and Economic Competition Between Czechs and Germans in
Bohemia" in Austrian History Yearbook 24 (1993)
N. Wingfield, "Statues of Emperor Joseph II as Sites of German Identity" in Staging the Past, pp. 178-201

Th 9/27 Mobilizing Nationalists in the Habsburg Monarchy

*C. Nolte, "Every Czech a Sokol!": Feminism and Nationalism in the Czech Sokol Movement in Austrian History Yearbook 24 (1993)

T 10/2 Jews in Eastern Europe: Emancipation, Immigration, Violence

Reading: *M. Rozenblit, Reconstructing a National Identity: The Jews of Habsburg Austria During World War I, pp. 14-38
E. Hoffman, Shtetl, pp. 20-158

Th 10/4 Anti-Semitism

Reading: *S. Beller, Vienna and the Jews, 1867-1938, 165-206
*B. Hamann, Hitler's Vienna. A Dictator's Apprenticeship, pp. 236-303

T 10/9 The New Balkan States and the Erosion of Stability: 1866-1914

Reading: Pauley, pp. 32-42
*I. Berend & G. Ranki, Economic Development in East Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries, pp. 81-111

Th 10/11 DISCUSSION: I. Andric, The Bridge Over the Drina

FALL BREAK

T 10/22 War in the East

Reading: Pauley, pp. 42-67
*V. Liulevicius, War Land on the Eastern Front. Culture, National Identity and German Occupation in World War I, pp. 1-9; 151-172; 278-281

Th 10/25 Between War, Revolution, and Reaction

Reading: Pauley, pp. 68-99
*I. Deak, "Shades of 1848: War, Revolutions and Nationality Conflict in Austria-Hungary, 1914-1920"
*I. Deak, "The Social and Psychological Consequences of the Disintegration of Austria-Hungary in 1918"
T 10/30 Empires Collapse; Good? Bad? Inevitable? Coincidence?

Reading: *S. Wank, "The Habsburg Empire"
*I. Deak, "The Habsburg Empire"
*C. Keyder, "The Ottoman Empire"

(All 3 articles from M. Von Hagen, ed., After empire: Multiethnic societies and nation building : the Soviet Union and the Russian, Ottoman, and Habsburg Empires)
*H. Kohn, "Was the Collapse Inevitable?" in Austrian History Yearbook 3, part 3 (1967)
*M. Rozenblit, Reconstructing a National Identity: The Jews of Habsburg Austria During World War I, pp. 162-172

Th 11/1 Independent Eastern Europe, 1919-1938

Reading: Pauley, pp. 100-127
J. Rothschild, Return to Diversity, 1-21
*F. G. Campbell, "Empty Pedestals?" Slavic Review 44

T 11/6 Between Democracy and Dictatorship

Reading: J. Rothschild, East Central Europe Between the Two World Wars, 27-136; 356-396
E. Hoffman, Shtetl, pp. 159-200

Th 11/8 Conservatism, Native Fascism, and Growing German Influence

Reading: J. Rothschild, East Central Europe Between the Two World Wars, 281-322 and choose one of the following chapters: Bulgaria, Hungary or Yugoslavia

T 11/13 Interwar Romania: Forging the Great Nation on the Periphery

Reading: I. Livezeanu, Cultural Politics in Greater Romania, 1-187

Th 11/15 Interwar Romania: Anti-Semitism & Nationalism at the Center

Reading: I. Livezeanu, Cultural Politics in Greater Romania, 189-312

T 11/20 World War II in the East

Reading: J. Rothschild, Return to Diversity, 25-75

THANKSGIVING
T 11/27 The Holocaust
Reading: E. Hoffman, Shtetl, pp. 201-258
*I. Deak, Essays on Hitler's Europe, pp. 67-88; 113-165

Th 11/29 Transitions to Communism, 1945-1948
Reading: J. Rothschild, Return to Diversity, pp. 75-146

T 12/4 Society and Economy under Communism, 1945-1968
Reading: J. Rothschild, Return to Diversity, pp. 147-226; select one state for discussion for this and the next two sessions: Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland Yugoslavia,

Th 12/6 Revolutions in 1989 and the Dangers of Transition
Reading: J. Rothschild, Return to Diversity, pp. 227-263

T 12/11 Bosnia, Kosovo and the Legacies of Nationalism
Reading: J. Rothschild, Return to Diversity, pp., 263-302