This course explores the complex, sometimes comic, and ultimately tragic history of Bohemia, a territory that is located today in the Czech Republic, but previously was a part of the Habsburg Monarchy, of Czechoslovakia, and of Hitler's Third Reich. Students will begin with the Revolution of 1848, and progress first through the stunning achievements and worrisome trends of Emperor-King Francis Joseph's sixty-eight-year reign, then through the horrors and hopes of two world wars, national self-determination, fascism, genocide, mass expulsion, and the onset of the Cold War. Throughout the course, emphasis will lie on understanding the evolving stances of Bohemia's two national movements, Czech and German, as well as on understanding how those linked movements eventually succeeded, despite modest beginnings, in dominating Bohemian politics as a whole.

Readings will come from many primary sources, as well as from a few secondary ones. Class meetings will feature a combination of lecture and discussion. Please come ready to ask questions and to answer them.

**Course requirements**

- Participation in class
  - Take-home midterm examination, due October 22 (30%)
  - Take-home final examination (40%)

**Texts**

Most of the readings for this course will be made available in course packs. The first course pack, covering the opening weeks of the semester, is now being sold at the History Department Office, Room 310 Skinner Hall. All students are advised to purchase it—although sharing is fine. One book, written by me, is recommended for purchase: Jeremy King, *Budweisers into Czechs and Germans: A Local History of Bohemian Politics, 1848-1948* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002). Its list price is $39.50, but Amazon.com and other on-line booksellers may be able to sell you a copy considerably cheaper, and I can sell you one obtained with my author's discount for $25. The Reserve Desk in the Library also has a copy.

**Schedule of Topics and Readings**

1. Monday, September 8
   - INTRODUCTION

2. Wednesday, September 10
   - BOHEMIA, THE HABSBURGS, AND CZECH NATIONALISM
   - Readings: maps
     - Bugge, *Czech Nation-Building*, 1-37
     - Kollár, "The Daughter of Sláva," 42-46
3. Monday, September 15
1848, "SPRINGTIME OF NATIONS"
Readings: Bugge, 38-92
   King, Budweisers into Czechs and Germans, 15-30
   Palacký, "Letter to Frankfurt" (5 pp.)
   "Schwarz-Roth-Gold," excerpts (3 pp.)

4. Wednesday, September 17
   NEO-ABSOLUTISM
   Readings: King, Budweisers, xiii-xiv, 1-14
             von Suttner, Memoirs, 4-17
             Kimball, Czech Nationalism, 1-4, 24-42

5. Monday, September 22
   CONSTITUTIONAL COMPROMISE
   Readings: King, Budweisers, 30-47
             Bugge, 103-25
             Kimball, Czech Nationalism, 61-91, 110-14
             1867 Compromise and Austrian Constitution (15 pp.)

6. Wednesday, September 24
   THE "IRON RING"
   Readings: Judson, "Frontiers, Islands, Forests, Stones," 382-406
             King, Budweisers, 48-76
             Linz Program (6 pp.)
             Schönerer, speeches (8 pp.)

7. Monday, September 29
   THE POLITICS OF CZECH MUSIC
   Readings: Kimball, Czech Nationalism, 115-50
             Smetana, Wenzig, and Špindler, Libuše (libretto), 1-33
             Nosek, The Spirit of Bohemia, 326-335

8. Wednesday, October 1
   SOCIAL DEMOCRACY
   Readings: King, Budweisers, 76-96
             "The Internationale" (1 p.)
             Holek, autobiography, in Kelly, The German Worker, 97-120

9. Monday, October 6
   THE BADENI CRISIS
   Readings: King, Budweisers, 96-106
             Twain, "Stirring Times in Austria," 208-35

10. Wednesday, October 8
    BOHEMIAN HISTORY: CZECH PERSPECTIVES
    Readings: Bugge, 239-54
              T. Čapek, "Have the Bohemians a Place in the Sun?," 17-27, 42-83, 108-11

   FALL BREAK
11. Wednesday, October 15  
BOHEMIAN HISTORY: A GERMAN VÖLKISCH PERSPECTIVE  
Readings: Türk, Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, excerpt (30 pp.)  
Iro and Lischka, Pan-German ABC, excerpts (20 pp.)

12. Monday, October 20  
ODDS 'N ENDS  
Whitman, The Realm of the Habsburgs, 26-42, 75-91, 111-13, 118-21, 278-85  
King, Budweisers, 106-13

13. Wednesday, October 22  
MIDTERM EXAMINATION DUE

14. Monday, October 27  
BOHEMIAN POLITICS: AN ATTEMPT AT COMPROMISE  
Readings: Bugge, 255-72  
King, Budweisers, 114-47  
Scheu, Travels through Bohemia on the Eve of the Revolution, excerpts (27 pp.)

15. Wednesday, October 29  
THE GREAT WAR  
Readings: King, Budweisers, 147-52  
Hašek, The Good Soldier Schweik, excerpts (60 pp.)  
Seitz and Renner, Speech in Parliament, 1917 (3 pp.)

16. Monday, November 3  
1918  
Readings: Bugge, 307-24  
King, Budweisers, 153-61  
Lass, "What Are We Like?," 39-64  
Glaser, Czecho-Slovakia, 26-33

17. Wednesday, November 5  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS GERMANS  
Readings: King, Budweisers, 161-74  
Boyce and Dawson, The University of Prague, 52-93  
Beneš, "The German Problem in Czechoslovakia" (6 pp.)

18. Monday, November 10  
MUNICH  
Readings: King, Budweisers, 174-77  
Documents on International Affairs, excerpts (45 pp.)

19. Wednesday, November 12  
REVERSAL OF FORTUNE  
Readings: Kennan, From Prague after Munich, excerpts (50 pp.)  
Hitler, agreement with Hácha and decrees, March & October 1939 (6 pp.)  
Bryant, Making the Czechs German, 68-98

20. Monday, November 17  
GERMAN, CZECH, JEW: THE RACIAL STATE  
Readings: Bryant, "Either German or Czech," 683-706
21. Wednesday, November 19
WORLD WAR II
Readings: Jacoby, *Racial State*, 248-74
King, *Budweisers*, 185-88
Bryant, *Making the Czechs German*, 447-60
Kennan, *From Prague after Munich*, 226-27, 236-40

22. Monday, November 24
UP CLOSE
Readings: Hanna Demetz, *The House on Prague Street*, 1-9, 26-171

THANKSGIVING BREAK

23. Monday, December 1
OTHER FINAL SOLUTIONS?
Readings: Nazi documents, 1940-42 (60 pp.)
Beneš, *President Beneš on War and Peace*, 132-45

24. Wednesday, December 3
1945: REVERSAL AGAIN
Readings: King, *Budweisers*, 189-202
Hanna Demetz, *The House on Prague Street*, 172-86
Turnwald, *Documents on the Expulsion of the Sudeten Germans*, 1-17

25. Monday, December 8
BOHEMIA, FAREWELL
Readings: King, *Budweisers*, 202-11
Stránský, *East Wind over Prague*, 1-3, 12-16, 22-37
Tragedy of a People (pamphlet) (34 pp.)

26. Wednesday, December 10
SUMMING UP
Readings: Werfel, "An Essay upon the Meaning of Imperial Austria," in *Twilight of a World*, 3-40
Roth, "The Bust of the Emperor," 155-83
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