

The History of Yugoslavia

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Throughout its existence, Yugoslavia was among the most complex countries in Europe. Uniting Catholic Croats and Slovenes, Orthodox Serbs, Bosnian Muslims, and a variety of less numerous peoples, Yugoslavia provided at various times in its history a model of synergetically integrated diversity as well as horrific examples of civil war and genocide. Its territory has also been the site of many fascinating innovations in modern European and world history, including the terrorism that sparked World War I, Communist Yugoslavia's unique system of socialist self-management, the 1990s neologism "ethnic cleansing," and contemporary Slovenia's distinctive "corporatist" economy.

The course is divided into four parts. The first investigates the "national awakenings" of the South Slavs from the late eighteenth century to the emergence of the Yugoslav idea in the second half of the nineteenth century, culminating in the creation of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes at the end of World War I. The second part assesses the functional dysfunctionality of this kingdom during the interwar period and the murderous struggle among Communist Partisans, royalist Chetniks, and Catholic fascists during World War II. The third part examines the establishment of Communist rule in Yugoslavia, the Tito-Stalin split, Communist manipulation of nationalism, reform Communism and self-management, and varieties of nationalist and non-nationalist dissent. Finally, we will confront the "why" and "how" questions of Yugoslavia's protracted break-up, the wars and atrocities of the 1990s, international indifference, the student-led "Bulldozer Revolution" of 2000, Yugonostalgia, the Slovenian exception, and European integration.

READING MATERIALS

Three books are available for purchase at Paragraphe Bookstore, 2220 McGill College Ave.:

John R. Lampe, *Yugoslavia as History: Twice There Was a Country*

Rebecca West, *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon: A Journey through Yugoslavia*

Brian Hall, *The Impossible Country: A Journey through the Last Days of Yugoslavia*

A coursepack containing additional readings is available from the McGill Bookstore.

All these texts have been requested for 3-hour reserve in McLennan Library.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The breakdown of assignments and weights for overall mark determination are as follows:

Conference participation	10%
Map quiz	5%
Primary source analysis	10%
Midterm	15%
Research project	30%
Final exam	30%

Class Participation: Four conference sections will be scheduled to facilitate discussion of weekly readings. They will be led alternately by the instructor and the TA.

Map Quiz: This will be an in-class assessment of your ability to identify cities, historic provinces, and physical features on a map.

Primary source analysis: A short (2 pp.) analysis of a primary source to be chosen from a list that will be distributed in class. This will enable you to investigate a topic of personal interest outside the framework of the required readings, perhaps related to your research project (see below). The analysis will be due on Feb. 8.

Midterm: The midterm will be a take-home examination testing your understanding of material covered in the first half of the course. It will be due on Feb. 19.

Research Project: This may be a standard research paper or a more creative project (e.g. oral history or a critical analysis of literature or film). It may build on the primary source analysis due in mid-February, but may also branch out in a different direction. (In the latter case, please consult with the instructor in office hours.) Papers (9-12 pp.) will be due on the last day of class.

Final Exam: A formal examination will take place between sometime Apr. 18 and 29, as scheduled by the university's central exam office. The exam will test your knowledge of basic facts and ask you to reflect critically on the semester's readings and lectures.

WORKING SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Th, Jan. 7 Medieval Origins

F, Jan. 8 Ottoman, Habsburg, and Venetian Rule

Readings: Lampe, introduction + chapter 1 [37 pp.]

Louis Adamič, "The Old Slavs and Their Descendants" [9 pp.]

"The Downfall of the Serbian Empire" [3 pp.]

“The Kosovo Maiden” [7 pp.]
Ivo Andrić, “The Bridge on the Žepa” [8 pp.]
West: Prologue; Zagreb I; Sarajevo I [39 pp.]

WEEK 2

M, Jan 11 Joseph II and Napoleon I
W, Jan 13 The Serbian Revolution
F, Jan 15 Ottoman Reform and South Slav Nationalisms

Readings: Lampe, chapter 2 [32 pp.]
Vuk Karadžić, “Serbs All and Everywhere” [3 pp.]
Ilija Garašanin, “The Draft” [11 pp.]
West: Kossovo I, Kossovo II; Sushak, Dubrovnik I; Belgrade III; Zagreb II [79 pp.]

WEEK 3

M, Jan 18 The Revolutions of 1848
W, Jan 20 Nationalist Politics and Peasant Uprisings
F, Jan 22 The Treaty of Berlin; Balkan Terrorism and the Bosnia Crisis; The Balkan Wars

Readings: Lampe, chapter 3 [30 pp.]
Milan Obrenović, “Proclamation of the Prince of Servia of War against Turkey” [3 pp.]
Edith Durham, “Head Hunting in the Balkans” [3 pp.]
Nikola Stojanović, “To Extermination: Ours or Yours?” [3 pp.]
“Foreign Relations [of Serbia Regarding the Annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina]” [2 pp.]
West: Belgrade IV-VI; Trebinje (first three pp.), Mostar; Shestine, Two Castles, Zagreb VII; Skoplje I, Skoplje’s Black Mountain, Bitolj II ROAD [107 pp.]

WEEK 4

M, Jan 25 **Conference**
W, Jan 27 Assassination in Sarajevo
F, Jan 29 Yugoslavia out of War

Readings: Lampe, chapter 4 [28 pp.]
“Note of the Austro-Hungarian Government to the Servian Government” [3 pp.]
“Servian Reply to the Note of the Austro-Hungarian Government” [7 pp.]
“The Pact of Corfu” [4 pp.]
“The Jugo-Slav Nation: Serbian Premier’s Declaration” [3 pp.]
“Mr. Balfour to Sir C. des Graz” [2 pp.]
“Proclamation of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes” [3 pp.]
West: Sarajevo V-VI; Belgrade VII; Kaimakshalan; Tsetinye II; Senj [97 pp.]

WEEK 5

M, Feb 1 **Conference**

- W, Feb 3 Building a New State
F, Feb 5 Yugoslav Politics in the 1920s

Readings: Lampe, chapter 5 [33 pp.]
Edith Durham, "Croatia and Great Serbia" [11 pp.]
-----, "Some Balkan Taboos" [3 pp.]
West: Zagreb IV, VI; Split III (to BOAT); Sarajevo II-IV; Belgrade VIII; Skoplje (last four pp.), St. George's Eve I-II [101 pp.]

WEEK 6

- M, Feb 8 Yugoslavia under Royal Dictatorship
Primary source analysis due
W, Feb 10 Assassination in Marseilles
F, Feb 12 The Germans, the Italians, the Magyars, and the Ustaša

Readings: Lampe, chapter 6 [37 pp.]
"A Yugoslav Dictator" [3 pp.]
Miroslav Krleža, "How Doctor Gregor Met the Devil" [7 pp.]
Ivo Andrić, "A Letter from 1920" [13 pp.]
West: Montenegro ROAD; Epilogue [92 pp.]

WEEK 7

- M, Feb 15 **Conference**
W, Feb 17 Life and Death in Partitioned Yugoslavia
F, Feb 19 The Chetniks and the Partisans
Take-home midterm due

Readings: Lampe, chapter 7 [31 pp.]
Milovan Djilas, "An Eye for an Eye" [22 pp.]
Josip Broz Tito, "The National Question and the Liberation Struggle" [11 pp.]
Fitzroy Maclean, *Eastern Approaches*, part 3, chapters 2-3, 9, 11, 16-17 [95 pp.]

WEEK 8

- M, Feb 22 **Conference**
W, Feb 24 Making Yugoslavia Communist
F, Feb 26 The Tito-Stalin Split

Readings: Lampe, chapter 8 [31 pp.]
Josip Broz Tito, "Victory Day" [4 pp.]
David Martin, "Stations of the Cross" [3 pp.]
Watson Kirkconnell, "Draža Dies a Martyr" [3 pp.]
Vladimir Dedijer, "The Interrogation of the Accused" [9 pp.]
Milovan Djilas, *Fall of the New Class*, pp. 61-105 [44 pp.]
CC CPY to CC CPSU, 13 April 1948 [10 pp.]
CC CPSU to CC CPY, 4 May 1948 [12 pp.]

Resolution of the Information Bureau, 28 June 1948 [7 pp.]
Milovan Djilas, *Fall of the New Class*, pp. 105-118 [14 pp.]
Josip Broz Tito, "Contributions to a Common Heritage" [4 pp.]
Venko Markovski, *Goli Otok: The Island of Death*, foreword [4 pp.]

READING WEEK

WEEK 9

M, Mar 7 **Conference**
W, Mar 9 The Late Fifties
F, Mar 11 Yugoslav Reformism

Readings: Lampe, chapter 9 [33 pp.]
Josip Broz Tito, address to the People's Assembly (1950) [6 pp.]
-----, report to the Sixth Congress of the CPY (1952) [4 pp.]
Milovan Djilas, *The New Class*, chapters 1, 3, 5 [68 pp.]
Dennison Rusinow, "Insights and Attitudes" [4 pp.]
-----, "The Supermarket Revolution" [15 pp.]
Milovan Djilas, *The Unperfect Society*, chapter 7 [20 pp.]

WEEK 10

M, Mar 14 **Conference**
W, Mar 16 1968 and the Croatian Spring
F, Mar 18 The Death of Tito

Readings: Lampe, chapter 10 [33 pp.]
Dennison Rusinow, "Anatomy of a Student Revolt" [42 pp.]
Vane Ivanović, "For a Bitter Wound Bitter Herbs" [5 pp.]
Milovan Djilas, "The Road to Freedom Has Never Been Easy" [2 pp.]
Josip Broz Tito, "The Need to Reorganize from Top to Bottom" [3 pp.]
Dennison Rusinow, "Post-Mortems of the Crisis in Croatia" [32 pp.]
"‘Tito, We Love Thee’: The Personality Cult in Self-Management Socialism" [1 p.]
"Human Rights in Belgrade" [7 pp.]
Oskar Gruenwald, "Whether Self-Management after Tito?" [8 pp.]
Tone Bringa, "The Death of Tito and the End of Yugoslavia," pp. 166-71 [6 pp.]
Memorandum of the Serbian Academy of Sciences (1986), excerpt [5 pp.]

WEEK 11

M, Mar 21 **Conference**
W, Mar 23 Yugoslavia in 1989
Good Friday

Readings: Lampe, pp. 332-57 [26 pp.]
Hall: Preface; Part I (1-10, 12-13); Part II (1-4, 6, 8, 10-14); Part III (1-6, 8-10) [150 pp.]

WEEK 12

Easter Monday

- W, Mar 30 Yugoslavia in 1990
F, Apr 1 Wars in Slovenia and Croatia

Readings: Lampe, pp. 357-73 [15 pp.]
Hall: Part IV (1, 4-5, 8, 10-12); Part V (1-5, 7-9); Part VI (all); Postscript [125 pp.]

WEEK 13

- M, Apr 4 **Conference**
W, Apr 6 Wars in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia
F, Apr 8 War in Kosovo and the Fall of Milošević

Readings: Lampe, pp. 373-415 [42 pp.]
Exchanges between the Badinter Commission and the Yugoslav Presidency [12 pp.]
Naza Tanović-Miller, "Letters for Bosnia" [7 pp.]
Bill Clinton's "Address to the Nation" regarding Kosovo [5 pp.]
The Yugoslav Ambassador's Response [4 pp.]
Aleksa Djilas, "Funeral Oration for Yugoslavia" [17 pp.]
Alan Kuperman, "The Moral Hazard of Humanitarian Intervention" [27 pp.]
Maria Todorova, "The Balkans: From Discovery to Invention" [30 pp.]

WEEK 14

- M, Apr 11 **Conference**
W, Apr 13 War in Macedonia and Yugoslavia's Final Demise
F, Apr 15 The "Western Balkans" Today
Research projects due

Reading: Fran Markowitz, "National Legibility: Lines of History, Surges of Ethnicity" [25 pp.]
Tim Judah, "Yugoslavia is Dead, Long Live the Yugosphere" [19 pp.]

The university will schedule the final exam for sometime between Apr. 18 and Apr. 29.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism, and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see <<http://www.mcgill.ca/integrity/>> for more information).

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