This course examines the almost complete destruction of the European Jewry by Nazi Germany and her allies. The first sessions deal with the Nazi policy towards the Jews, anti-Jewish ideology and the dynamics of annihilation in a condition of war. It asks why the citizens of arguably the most educated country in the world became the perpetrators of genocide. The second half of the course takes the case of the Lodz ghetto in occupied Poland to study death and survival in the Holocaust from the victim’s perspective. It uses newly available photographs (which were taken secretly by a Jewish photographer) and contrasts them with written testimonies. The course aims to discuss the dilemmas the inmates of the ghetto found themselves in: collaboration vs. resistance, the ‘guilt’ of survival. etc. Did morality cease to exist in the ghetto? What difference did the actions of victims make? The final session investigates the problems of comparing genocide.
Course Requirements

Students are responsible for completing assigned readings prior to class, for regular attendance, and for active participation in discussions. To help that along, there will be weekly 750 words maximum (word processed) writing assignments that address questions about the readings, creating an accumulating record of the course as it develops. They will be graded and can be handed in at class. These assignments should be done for the week they are assigned. You are expected to complete at least five weekly assignments. These assignments are not mini essays and need not be particularly polished and will be graded accordingly. Their function is to organize your thoughts for the classroom discussions, not to overload you with work. If you choose to address one of the questions suggested in the outline of the course, you should obviously focus on normally only on one question. Do not try to address all questions!

You will also be expected to do one slightly more substantial assignment and to write one term paper. The assignment is due for session 3 and will be explained in the introductory session. The basic idea of the assignment is for students to make a case if British colonial violence is part of the history of colonial genocide that according to Hannah Arendt constitutes the precursor of the Holocaust. The suggested length of the assignment is 1,500 words.

The term paper is due by December 5th at 11 am on a topic to be determined in consultation with the instructor (maximum length: 5,000 words).

There will be no exam.

Course grades will be based on class participation as well as on written work. Course grades will be an average of the term paper (35 %), the assignment for session 3 (15 %) the weekly assignments (25 %), and of class participation (25 %), adjusted if necessary for weekly assignment deficiencies.

If you need to see me to discuss your work with me, you can either come to see me in my office during my office hour or, at other times, you can just take your chance and see if I am in my office anyway.

Required Texts

The core books for this course are Deborah Dwork and Robert Jan van Pelt’s *Holocaust: A History* and my own *Lodz Ghetto Album*. In addition, selected other books, chapters from books and articles will be assigned. In addition, to the core books, you might want to consider purchasing Yitzhak Arad’s *Documents on the Holocaust*, Omer Bartov’s excellent *The Holocaust: Origins, Implementation, Aftermath* and finally Dan Stone’s *The Historiography of the Holocaust*. Stone’s book is a bit on the expensive side and you have got to decide yourselves if you can justify the expense of its purchase.

The following texts for the course are available on reserve at the van Pelt Library. They are also available for purchase at the University Bookstore:

- Arad, Yitzhak *et al.*, *Documents on the Holocaust* (Lincoln, Neb., 1999)
- **Stone, Dan**, *The Historiography of the Holocaust* (Basingstoke, 2004)
Outline and Readings

!!! Cf. the course website for updates on the weekly reading assignments !!!

Session 1 (8 September 2005): Introduction

Session 2 (15 September 2005): The Holocaust in History & anti-Semitism


Questions to Consider: What is genocide? Does genocide require intent? What are ‘war crimes’? Did Raphael Lemkin conflate the fate of Jews with that of other groups or nationalities? What fuelled ethnic tensions in Central and Eastern Europe between the French revolution and 1945? How sufficient an explanation for the Holocaust is anti-Semitism?

Session 3 (19 September 2005, 7 pm – 9 pm; location tba): Colonial Violence


Questions to Consider: Are Hannhah Arendt and Juergen Zimmerer right in seeing in colonial violence the origin of the Holocaust? Britain What is the link between the evolution of racism in European history and the Holocaust?

Session 4 (29 September 2005): Nazi Ideology and the Jews

Incl short Session on Source Criticism and on essay writing techniques.


Questions to Consider: What, if any causal relationship exists between the First World War and the the Holocaust? Was *Mein Kampf* a blueprint for genocide? How do ‘intentionalist’ and ‘structuralist’ approaches to Nazi history differ? Was Hitler voted to power because or inspite of his anti-Semitism? How did Germans come to support Hitler? Was Nazism primarily a social or an ideological movement? How did Nazi Germany function? How do you account for the growing support of Hitler in Germany between 1933 and 1939? What is the relationship between traditional anti-Semitism in Germany and Europe and the Holocaust? Does the ‘Working Towards the Fuehrer’ principle successfully account for the dynamics of the Third Reich? Was Nazism anti-Communism? What does Michael Geyer mean with ‘catastrophic nationalism’?
Session 5 (6 October 2005): Anti-Jewish Legislation and Practice from 1933 to the Wannsee Conference

Screening of Leni Riefenstahl's *Olympia* or *Triumph of the Will*


**Questions to consider:** Was ‘Reichskristallnacht’ a turning point in the anti-Semitic policies of the Third Reich? What does the reaction of the German public indicate about popular attitudes towards the Jews? Did Nazi leaders ever serious deliberate to settle Jews in Madagascar? Why did the German leadership permit emigration until 1941?

Session 6 (13 October 2005: Yom Kippur – to be rescheduled): The Final Solution


**Questions to Consider:** When did the decision to systematically kill the Jews of Europe become the only and ‘final’ solution to the ‘Jewish Question’? How central were the Einsatztruppen to the implementation of the Final Solution? Was the Holocaust triggered more by a culmination of cool economic analysis than by virulent anti-Semitism? What role did the regular German Army play in the implementation of the ‘Final Solution’? What difference did the Wannsee Conference make?

Session 7 (20 October 2005): Willing Executioners? The Grass-Root Perpetrators of the Holocaust


**Optional Reading:** Matthäus, Jürgen, ‘Historiography and the Perpetrators of the Holocaust’, in Stone, *Historiography and the Holocaust*, pp. 197-215; Goldhagen, *Hitler’s Willing Executions*, chs. on Police Batalion 241; Bartov, ch. 7, in Bartov: *The Holocaust*; Dwork/ van Pelt, Ch. 11; Dwork/ van Pelt, ch. 14; Gellately, *Backing Hitler*

**Questions to Consider:** Why did ordinary Germans become willing perpetrators of the Holocaust? Were the perpetrators ‘ordinary men’? How far reaching was German society responsible for the Holocaust?
Session 8 (27 October 2005): Non-German Perpetrators of the Holocaust & the Reaction of the West to the shoah

Required Reading (139 pp.): Snyder, Tim, ‘The Causes of Ukrainian-Polish Ethnic Cleansing 1943’, Past and Present, 179 (May, 2003), 197-234; Dean, Martin, ‘Local Collaboration in the Holocaust in Eastern Europe’, in Stone, Historiography and the Holocaust, pp. 120-140; Dwork/ van Pelt, chs., 5, 12, 13


Questions to consider: What was the role of non-German perpetrators? How did gentile – Jewish relations in the German-occupied territories impact on the implementation of the Holocaust? Why was Auschwitz not bombed? Is the role of the West best described as one of bystanders? How did the internal conflict in Palestine impinge on the problem? What role did the unwillingness of the countries of the West to receive refugees from German-controlled Europe before 1939 play for our understanding of the Holocaust? What is the role of the Vatican in the Holocaust?

Session 9 (3 November 2005): The Lodz Ghetto


Questions to consider: How did the Jews react? What role did Jewish Councils play in the Holocaust? How did Lodz differ from other ghettos? What role did Chaim Rumkowski play? How do the strategies of survival of Lodz and Warsaw differ? How aware were the Jews of the Holocaust?

Session 10 (10 November 2005): Screening of Alan Adelson’s documentary Lodz Ghetto

Session 11 (17 November 2005): Holocaust Photography from the Lodz Ghetto


Questions to consider: Should we use visual imagery any different form the way we are using textual evidence? What has been the role of survivors in shaping our image of ghetto life?

24 November 2005: Thanksgiving – No Class

Session 12 (1 December 2005): Death and Survival in the Ghetto


*Optional Reading:* Dwork/van Pelt, ch. 11; Arad *et al.*; Documents, pp. 201-13, 228-41, 276-86, 292-327

Questions to consider: Was the dilemma of resistance vs. collaboration confined to the Jewish Councils, the ghetto police and a small number of collaborators around that group? Did morality cease to exist in the ghetto? Why was resistance not more widespread?

Session 13 (8 December 2005): The Afterlife of the Holocaust & The Holocaust and Genocide in the 20th Century


Questions to consider: What makes the Holocaust distinct from other genocides? Why do advanced as well as primitive societies engage in genocide? What is the role of modernity in genocide in the 20th Century?
This bibliography is meant to assist you in identifying relevant reading for your course assignments. However, the bibliography is only meant as a first point of entry into the historiography of modern Germany. You are encouraged to make full use of the riches of the Regenstein Library and other local libraries.

Use the internet INTELLEGENTLY! The internet is a great resource for historical research. But many websites particularly on the Third Reich are at best of mediocre quality, the use of which is the best way to lower the quality of your coursework. The use of the internet MUST not replace the reading of the assigned secondary texts.

1) The Holocaust

a) Handbooks and Encyclopaedias


Spector, Shmuel; Wigoder, Geoffrey (eds.), The Encyclopedia of Jewish Life before and During the Holocaust (Jersualem, 2001)

b) General Works on the Holocaust


Ibid, Hitler’s Volksstaat: Raub, Rassenkrieg und nationaler Sozialismus (Frankfurt, 2005)

Bartov, Omer, Germany’s War and the Holocaust: Disputed Histories (Ithaca, NY, 2003)

Idem, Mirrors of Destruction: War, Genocide, and Modern Identity (New York, 2002)


Idem, Rethinking the Holocaust (New Haven, CT, 2000)

Bauman, Zygmunt, Modernity and the Holocaust (Ithaca, N.Y., 1989)


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Burleigh, Michael, Ethics and Extermination: Reflections on Nazi Genocide (Cambridge, 1997)


Diner, Dan, Beyond the Conceivable: Studies on Germany, Nazism, and the Holocaust (Berkeley, CA, 2000)


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Fleming, Gerald, Hitler and the Final Solution (Berkeley, 1984)

Friedländer, Saul (ed.), *Probing the Limits of Representation: Nazism and the “Final Solution”* (Cambridge, Mass., 1992)

Friedlander, Henry, *The Origins of Nazi Genocide: From Euthanasia to the Final Solution* (Chapel Hill, NC, 1995)

Frydland, Henry; Milton, Sybil (eds.), *The Holocaust: Ideology, Bureaucracy and Genocide* (Millwood, 1980)


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Pohl, Dieter, *Holocaust: Die Ursachen, das Geschehen, die Folgen* (Freiburg, 2000)


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Housden, Martyn, Hans Frank, Lebensraum and the Holocaust (Basingstoke, 2003)
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Weinreich, Max, Hitler’s Professors: The Part of Scholarship in Germany’s Crimes against the Jewish People (New York, 1946)

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Ball-Kaduri, K.Y., ‘Evidence of Witness. Its Value and Limitations’ Yad Vashem Studies, 3 (1959), 79-90
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Arad, Yitzhak, Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka: The Operation Reinhard Death Camps (Bloomington/Ind., 2nd ed., 1999)

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According to USHMM website, this is a “Website of an Israel museum founded in 1949 by Holocaust survivors, ghetto fighters and partisans and devoted to the Holocaust and Jewish resistance. Includes information focused on Janusz Korczak, the head of the orphanage in the Warsaw ghetto, including excerpts from his writings and historical photographs. Also provides a searchable database of partisans and resistance fighters.”

http://www.ushmm.org - United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Acc. to USHMM website, this website “includes entries related to the history and fate of Jewish ghettos under Nazi rule. Summarizes the creation of the ghettos and general conditions within their walls. Provides links to additional entries on the ghettos of Kovno, Krakow, Lodz, and Warsaw, as well as relevant photographs, personal histories, and historical film footage.”

"Includes brief statements (in both text and video format) from Holocaust survivors about their experiences in the ghettos."

www.silentvoicesspeak.com - Silent Voices Speak Holocaust Art Web Site

http://warsawghetto.epixtech.co.uk - The Warsaw Ghetto today

Lodz-related Websites

www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/lodz/statistics.htm - Lodz Shtetl Links

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Other Websites of Interest

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