

Course Title: JRA 401 H1S/ Pol 2321 H1S: Topics in Comparative Politics: Western and Central Europe

Meeting Times: Thursdays, 2-4pm, TC 24

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The course will examine the German occupation of Western and Central Europe by studying four great cities – two global capitals, two national capitals – under German occupation. The workshop will examine both high-level political issues – the aims of both the German leadership and the collaborators in the cities – and daily life under German occupation. Themes will include but not be limited to the military occupation and military resistance (when there was any), treatment of the Jews, sex and sexuality, the economy under occupation, resistance to National Socialism, and liberation. The theoretical issues will focus on cities as spaces of occupation, collaboration, and resistance, interactions between occupier and occupied (and the blurring of the lines between the two), and variation in experiences of occupation between cities and across religious, racial and class lines within them.

Requirements:

1. 1-page research proposal (10%)

Due date: February 9, 2016

2. 2000-word research paper: (55%)

Due date: March 23, 2016

3. Take-home final exam (25%)

Pick-up date: March 30, 2016

4. Participation (10%)

Due date: April 3, noon, reception, Munk School of Global Affairs

Readings: All readings are available at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0w9W28PMIORWXICS1BIVmZBVEE>

January 5: Introduction

January 12: Background: France, Poland, Czech Republic and Austria in the 1930s

Steven Beller, *A Concise History of Austria*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006, chapter 5.

Norman Davies, *God's Country: A History of Poland* New York: Columbia University Press (2nd volume), chapter 19 [Niepodleglosc: Twenty Years of Independence (1918-1939)]

Joseph Rothschild, *East Central Europe between the Two World Wars*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1974, chapter on Czechoslovakia.

Eugen Weber's *The Hollow Years*, chapters 1 & 10.

January 19: German plans

Mark Mazower, *Hitler's Empire: How the Nazis Ruled Europe*. New York, Penguin, 2008, chapters 1-2 ('Germans and Slavs,' 'Versailles to Vienna').

Wilhelm Deist et al., *Germany and the Second World War*, Volume I. OUP: Part IV, I: "Hitler's 'Programme' and the Problem of Continuity in Germany Foreign Policy.

January 26: The Occupations

Vojtěch Mastný, "Design or Improvisation: The Origins of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia in 1939" in *Columbia Essays in International Affairs*, ed. A. W. Cordier (1966): 127-153.

Michael Burleigh, *Moral Combat: Good and Evil in World War II*, New York: Harper, 2011, pp. 115-133 (chap. 4: "The Rape of Poland").

Chad Bryant, *Prague in Black*, chapter 1,

Richard Evans, *The Third Reich in Power*, pp. 638-664.

Julian Jackson, *France: The Dark Years*, chapter 6.

February 2: The Jews of Vienna and Prague

Bettina Stangneth, *Eichmann before Jerusalem: The Unexamined Life of a Mass Murderer*. New York: Alfred Knopf, pp. 3-41.

Brigitte Haman, *Hitler's Vienna*, chapter 10.

Steven Beller, *The Jews of Vienna*. Cambridge: 1991, chapters 10-12.

Chad Bryant, *Prague in Black*, chapter 4.

February 9: The Jews of Warsaw and Paris

Richard Viven, *The Unfree French*, chapter 4

David Drake, *Paris at War: 1939-1944*. Cambridge: Belknap Press, 2015, chapters 7 and 10

Chimen Abramsky, Maciej Jachimczyk, and Antony Polonsky, *The Jews in Poland*, ed. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1986, chapters 13 and 14.

Dariusz Libionka and Laurence Weinbaum, „Deconstructing Memory and History: The Jewish Military Union and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising,” *Jewish Political Studies Review* 18/1-2 (2006), 87-104.

Halik Kochanski, *The Eagle Unbowed*, chapter 10.

February 16: Gender

Richard Viven, *The Unfree French*, chapter 5

Herwig Czech, *Venereal Disease, Prostitution, and the Control of Sexuality in World War II Vienna*. Eastern Central Europe. Vol 38(1) p 64-78. 2011. DOI 10.1163/187633011X566111

Maren Röger, “The Sexual Policies and Sexual Realities of the German Occupiers in Poland in the Second World War.” *Contemporary European History* 23, no. 1 (2014): 1-21.

February 23: Reading Week

March 2: Sexuality

Robert Beach, *Gay Berlin*, chapter six and epilogue.

Julian Jackson, *Living in Arcadia: Homosexuality, politics, and morality in France from the Liberation to Aids*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009, chapter 2

James S. Williams, *Jean Cocteau*. London: Reaktion Books, 2008, chapter 17.

Kurt Krickler, *Homosexuals in Austria: Nazi Persecution and the long struggle for Liberation*. Available at: <http://ccges.apps01.yorku.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2008/12/krickler-homosexuals-in-austria-nazi-persecution-and-the-long-struggle-for-rehabilitation.pdf>

March 9: Resistance and Collaboration in Czechoslovakia

Melissa Feinberg, “Dumplings and Domesticity: Women, Collaboration, and Resistance in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia” in *Gender and war in twentieth-century Eastern Europe*, eds. Nancy M. Wingfield and Maria Bucur-Deckard (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006).

Benjamin Frommer, “Denouncers and Fraternalizers: Gender, Collaboration, and Retribution in Bohemia and Moravia during World War II and After” in *Gender and war in twentieth-century Eastern Europe*, eds. Nancy M. Wingfield and Maria Bucur-Deckard (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006).

Radomír Luža, “The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Resistance, 1939–1945” *Slavic Review*, Vol. 28, No. 4, December 1969.

Mary Heimann, *Czechoslovakia: The State that Failed*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011, chapter 5

March 16: Essays due at the Munk School reception, Munk N 126, by 5pm

March 23: Resistance and Collaboration in France

Julian Jackson, *France: The Dark Years*, chapter 8.

David Drake, *Paris at War*: chapters 3, 9, 11 and 12.

March 30: Resistance and Collaboration in Poland

Józef Garliński, *Poland in the Second World War*, London: Macmillan, 1985, "The Polish Underground State," pp. 120-138.

Carla Tonini, "The Polish Underground Press and the Issue of Collaboration with the Nazi Occupiers, 1939-1944," *European Review of History* 15, no. 2 (2008): 193-205.

Halik Kochanski, *The Eagle Unbowed*, chapter 9.

Klaus-Peter Friedrich, "Collaboration in a 'Land without a Quisling:' Patterns of Cooperation with the Nazi German Occupation Regime in Poland during World War II," *Slavic Review*, vol. 64, no. 4 (Winter 2005), pp. 711-746.

Research paper:

Compare and contrast 3 out of the 4 cities we have studied with respect to:

1. Resistance
2. Collaboration
3. The experiences of Jews
4. Hunger (NB: anyone who takes on this topic gets two extra points given the paucity of readings).
5. The experiences of women
6. Sex and sexuality
7. The economy under occupation