

Readings in World History
Graduate Directed Study, Spring 2010
Course: HIST 2902, Class Number 18314(?)
P. Manning
Fridays, 12:00 – 1:00

This reading course is an introductory graduate-level overview of world history, treating world history as a field of research and interpretation tracing large-scale links across large spaces, long times, and a wide range of topics. The course will meet once weekly for two hours (exact time to be determined). Readings for the first two weeks provide overviews of the field; later readings, organized temporally, address a range of topics.

Reading and discussion:

Class meetings will consist of critical discussion of the readings the works listed below. Additional articles and book chapters are likely to be added to the weekly readings, to broaden each discussion.

Writing assignments:

1. Three book reviews, each assessing the world-historical contribution of books selected from Week 3 to Week 14 of the readings.
2. An essay of about 15 pages that presents either a narrative of a selected world historical theme or an analysis of a world historical issue, due December 1

Books have not been ordered in advance; it is up to students to obtain the books for each week's readings by purchase or from a library..

Week 1. January 22.

Week 2. January 29.

Linda Colley, *Captives: Britain, Empire and the World 1600-1850* (2004)

Week 3. February 5.

Patrick Manning, *Migration in World History* (2005)

Week 4. February 12.

David Christian, *Maps of Time* (2004)

Week 5. February 19.

Ross Dunn, ed., *The New World History* (2000)

Week 6. February 26.

Joel Mokyr, *The Lever of Riches* (1990)

Week 7. March 5. [Pat is in Trinidad March 3-6]

Week 8. March 19.

Lauren Benton, *Law and Colonial Cultures* (2002)
Christopher Bayly, *The Birth of the Modern World* (2004)

Week 9. March 26. [Pat is in San Diego March 26-27]

Philip Curtin, *The Rise and Fall of the Plantation Complex* (1990)

Week 10. April 2.

Kenneth Pomeranz, *The Great Divergence* (2000)

Week 11. April 9.

Jeremy Adelman, *The Republic of Capital* (1999)

Bonnie Smith, *The Gender of History* (2000)

Week 12. April 16. [Pat is in Ghent April 13-16]

Giovanni Arrighi, *The Long Twentieth Century* (1994)

Week 13. April 23. [Pat is in Santa Barbara April 23-24]

John R. McNeill, *Something New Under the Sun*. (2000)

Mike Davis, *The Late Victorian Holocausts* (2001)