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Global Historiography -- HST 3244
Thursday, 4:30 p.m., 206 ME

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Hours: by arrangement

This course is a review of the literature on the history of the world in ancient, medieval and modern times, but with emphasis on the modern period (since 1500). The class will proceed by lecture and discussion. Students will present two oral reports (on recommended readings), and will write an annotated bibliography, a review of a world history textbook, and a historiographical essay.

The course is divided into two main sections:

1. Four weeks of chronological review of the literature
2. Five weeks of analytical review of the literature

The instructor is struggling to complete a book manuscript on historiography and method in world history. You will read weekly installments placed on the World History Center website.

In each section of the course, we will address the following issues and distinctions:

- a. Global, regional, and national foci in historical writing.
- b. Comparative and interactive approaches in historical interpretation.
- c. The structures and institutions for the study of world history.
- d. Periodization in world history. We will begin with a simple distinction of three periods: pre-modern (before 1500), early modern (1500-1800), and the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
- e. Topics: ecology, population, economy, society, politics, religion, culture.

Books required for purchase:

Toynbee, Arnold. A Study of History (abridgment of Vols. I - VI).
_____. A Study of History (abridgment of Vols. VII -X).
McNeill, William. The Rise of the West.
Crosby, Alfred. Ecological Imperialism.
Curtin, Philip. The Rise and Fall of the Plantation Complex.
Frank, Andre Gunder, ReORIENT
Powell, Richard J., Black Art and Culture in the 20th Century
Readings for HST 3244 (Gnomon Copy II, 325 Huntington).
Includes all readings marked with asterisk (*) below.

Student assignments

A. H-WORLD. Each student must subscribe to H-WORLD, the electronic discussion list on world history, for the duration of the term, and must submit at least one posting during the term. That posting must include a historiographical reference.

B. Oral reports. Oral reports for the term will be scheduled on October 1. Each student will deliver two 5-minute reports, each on one of the optional readings, and will direct a discussion of 5 to 10 minutes on the report and the reading.

C. Bibliography in world history, due October 29. Each student will make up an annotated bibliography of about twenty entries on a topic in world history. These bibliographies will become part of the resources of the World History Center.

D. Review of world history textbook. Review due in class November 5; revised and edited review due in class November 19. Each student will write a review of a world history textbook. The review is to be submitted in class, then edited in consultation with the instructor, then posted on H-WORLD.

E. Historiographical essay, due December 3. Each student will complete a historiographical essay, of about 3000 words in text (plus notes), on a topic in world history. The topic must be approved by the instructor.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1. October 1. Introduction.

Required Reading:

Manning, World History: Interpretation and Methods. Read Chapter 1, “Analyzing Global Studies in History,” and also the Appendix on typologies of methodology.

Week 2. October 8. Philosophy of History, to 1900

Required Reading:

Manning, chapter 2, “Historical Philosophy, to 1900”
Toynbee, Arnold J., A Study of History (abridged), Vol. 1
*Voltaire. The Philosophy of History (1766)
*Gibbon, Edward. The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (1776-1788)
*Herder, J. G. von. Reflections on the Philosophy of the History of Mankind (1784-91)
*Hegel, G. W. F. Philosophy of World History (1830)

Optional Reading:

Bossuet (bishop). Discourse on Universal History (1681)
Malthus, Thomas. An Essay on the Principle of Population (1793)
Marx, Karl. The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte (1852)
Morgan, Lewis. Ancient Society (1877)
*Spencer, Herbert. The Evolution of Society (1885-86)
Weber, Max. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism (1906)

Other Works of Interest:

Vico, Giambattista. New Science (1725)

Goethe, J. W. von. Faust (1806-1832)

Ranke, Leopold von. Weltgeschichte (1883-87)

H. G. Helmolt, ed., The History of the World, 8 vols. (1907-08).

Week 3. October 15. Grand Synthesis, 1900-1965

Required Reading:

Manning, chapter 3, "Grand Synthesis, 1900-65"
Toynbee, Arnold J., A study of history, Vol. 2.
McNeill, William. The rise of the West (1963), pp. xv-360.

Optional Reading:

Spengler, Oswald. The decline of the West
Wells, H. G. The Outline of History (1920)
Braudel, Fernand. The Mediterranean and the Mediterranean world in
the
age of Philip II (1949)
Pirenne, Jacques. Les grandes courantes de Histoire mondiale
Bagby, Philip. Culture and History: Prolegomena to the Comparative
Study of Civilizations (1959)
Nehru, Jawaharlal. Glimpses of World History (1934)

Other Works of Interest:

Johnston, H. H. The discovery and colonization of Africa by alien races
(1900)
Du Bois, W. E. B. The Negro (1915)
Van Loon, Hendrik. The Story of Mankind (1921)
Lenin, V. I. Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism (1917)
Ortega y Gasset, Jose. An Interpretation of Universal History (1948)
Polanyi, Karl. The great transformation (1944)
Mumford, Lewis. The city in history (1961)
_____. The condition of man (1944)
Gottschalk, Louis, ed. UNESCO History of Mankind (1963-1975)
Palmer, Robert R. A history of the modern world (1950)
Hobsbawm, Eric. The age of revolution (1962)
*Murdock, George Peter. "How Culture Changes" (1956)

Week 4. October 22. Themes and Analysis, 1965-95

Required Reading:

Manning, Chapter 4, "Themes and Analysis, 1965-95"
McNeill, Rise of the West, 361-807.
Wallerstein, Immanuel. The modern world-system, vol. 1 (1974)
*Brenner, Robert. "Agrarian Class Structure and Economic

Development

in Pre-Industrial Europe," (1976)

Optional Reading:

Headrick, Daniel. The tools of empire (1981)
Hodgson, Marshall. The venture of Islam (1974).
McNeill, William. Plagues and Peoples (1976)
Crosby, Alfred. The Columbian exchange (1972)

Stavrianos, Leften. Global rift (1981)
Abu-Lughod, Janet. Before European Hegemony (1989)
Wolf, Eric. Europe and the Peoples without History (1982)
Chaudhuri, K. N. Asia before Europe (1990)

Other Works of Interest:

Worseley, Peter. The Third World (1964)
Anderson, Benedict. Imagined communities (1983)
Curtin, Philip. Cross-cultural trade in world history (1984).
_____. Death by migration (1987).
Skocpol, Theda. States and Social Revolutions (1979)
*Charles Bright and Michael Geyer, "For a Unified History of the World

in

the Twentieth Century," Radical History Review 39 (1987), 69-91
Moore, Barrington. The social origins of dictatorship and
democracy (1966).

Wallerstein, I. The modern world-system, vols. 2 & 3 (1986-89)
Anderson, Perry. Lineages of the absolutist state (1974)
Braudel, Fernand. The structures of everyday life (1985).
_____. The wheels of commerce (1986).
_____. The perspective of the world (1986).

DuPlessis, Robert S. "The Partial Transition to World-Systems Analysis

in

Early Modern European History," Radical History Review 39
(1987), 11-27
Bogumil Jewsiewicki. "The African Prism of Immanuel Wallerstein,"
Radical History Review 39 (1987), 50-68
Von Laue, Theodore. The world revolution of westernization (1987)
Worseley, Peter. The three worlds (1984)
Tracy, James, ed. The Rise of Merchant Empires (1990)
_____. The Political Economy of Merchant Empires (1991).
Linda G. Basch, Nina Glick Schiller, Cristina Szanton Blanc. Nations
Unbound : Transnational Projects, Postcolonial Predicaments, and
Deterritorialized Nation-States (1994)

Week 5. October 29. Recent work, since 1995

Required Reading:

Manning, chapter 5, "Recent work, since 1995"
AHR Forum, "Periodization in World History" (1996)

Optional Reading:

Stearns, Peter. The Industrial Revolution in World History
Hancock, David, Citizens of the World : London Merchants and the
Integration of the British Atlantic Community,

1735-1785 (1995)

Gress, David, From Plato to NATO: The Idea of the West and its
Opponents (1998)

Other Works of Interest:

Week 6. November 5. World History and Area Studies
ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE IN CLASS

Required Reading:

Manning, chapter 6, "World History and Area Studies"
Curtin, Philip. The Rise and Fall of the Plantation Complex (1990)

Optional Reading:

Said, Edward. Orientalism (1978)
Rodney, Walter. How Europe underdeveloped Africa (1972)

Other Works of Interest:

Week 7. November 12. World History and the Disciplines
BOOK REVIEW DUE IN CLASS

Required Reading:

Manning, chapter 7, "World History and the Disciplines"
*Kroeber, Alfred L. "The Concept of Culture in Science" (1949)
Polgar, Steven. "From Applied to Committed Anthropology" (1975)
Owusu, Maxwell. "Colonial and Postcolonial Anthropology of Africa"
(1979)
*Buck, Pem Davidson. "Colonized Anthropology: cargo-cult
discourse" (1991)
Grimshaw, Anna, and Keith Hart. "The Rise and Fall of Scientific
Ethnography" (1995)
Wright, Susan. "Anthropology: Still the Uncomfortable Discipline?"
(1995)

Optional Reading:

Fabian, Johannes. Time and the Other: how anthropology makes its
object (1983)
Tilly, Charles. Big structures, large processes, huge comparisons (1984).
Lewis & Wigan, The Myth of Continents

Other Works of Interest:

Week 8. November 19. Comparisons, connections, and systems

Required Reading:

Manning, chapter 8, "Comparisons, connections, and systems"
Crosby, Alfred. Ecological Imperialism (1988)
*Frank, Andre Gunder. "A Plea for World System History," Journal of
World History 2 (1991), 1-28

Optional Reading:

- Frank, Andre Gunder. World Accumulation, 1492-1789 (1978)
Von Bertalanffy, Ludwig, General System Theory : Foundations, Development, Applications (1969)
Durham, William, Coevolution: genes, culture, and human diversity (1991)

Other Works of Interest:

Week 9. December 3. Political and Economic History
REVISED BOOK REVIEWS DUE IN CLASS

Required Reading:

- Manning, chapter 9, "Political and Economic History"
Frank, Andre Gunder. ReORIENT (1998)

Optional Reading:

- Kennedy, Paul. The rise and fall of the great powers (1987).
Hobsbawm, Eric. Nations and nationalism (1990)
Rostow, W. W. The stages of economic growth (1961).
Hicks, John D. A theory of economic history (1969).
North, Douglass, and Robert P. Thomas. The rise of the Western world (1973).
Jones, E. L. The European miracle (1981).
Latham, A. J. H. The International Economy and the Underdeveloped World (1978)
Amin, Samir. Unequal Development (1973)
Rosenberg and Birdzell. How the West Grew Rich (1986)
Smith, Alan K. Creating a World Economy (1991)

Other Works of Interest:

Week 10. December 10. Social and Cultural History
HISTORIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY DUE IN CLASS

Required Reading:

- Manning, chapter 10, "Social and Cultural History."
Powell, Richard J. Black Art and Culture in the 20th Century
*Allardyce, Gilbert. "The Rise and Fall of the Western Civilization Course," American Historical Review 87 (1982)
*Allardyce, Gilbert. "Toward World History: American Historians and the Coming of the World History Course," Journal of World History 1 (1990), 23-76

Optional Reading:

- Manning, Patrick. Slavery and African Life (1990).

Other Works of Interest:

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1. Voltaire. The Philosophy of History (1766), 1-34.
2. Gibbon, Edward. The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (1776-1788), vol. 1, pp. 382-444.
3. Herder, J. G. von. Reflections on the Philosophy of the History of Mankind (1784-91), pp. 3-33, 357-98.
4. Hegel, G. W. F. Philosophy of World History (1830), pp. 1-27, 72-79, 412-457.
5. Ranke, Leopold von. "The Great Powers" (1833).
6. Marx, Karl. The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte (1852), pp. 95-136, 166-80,
and 712-18 in Marx, Selected Works.
7. Spencer, Herbert. The Evolution of Society (selections from Principles of Sociology (1876)), pp. 3-8, 32-47, 72-81.
8. Weber, Max. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism (1904), pp. 47-78, 192-217.
9. Kroeber, Alfred L. "The Concept of Culture in Science" (1949), pp. 118-135 in Kroeber, ed., The Nature of Culture (1952)
10. Murdock, George Peter. "How Culture Changes" (1956), pp. 112-28 in Murdock, Culture and Society (1965).
11. Brenner, Robert. "Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe," Past and Present 70 (1976), 30-74.
12. Charles Bright and Michael Geyer, "For a Unified History of the World in the Twentieth Century," Radical History Review 39 (1987), 69-91.
13. Buck, Pem Davidson. "Colonized Anthropology: cargo-cult discourse" (1991), pp. 24-41 in Faye Harrison, ed., Decolonizing Anthropology (1991).
14. Frank, Andre Gunder. "A Plea for World System History," Journal of World History 2 (1991), pp. 1-28.
15. Allardyce, Gilbert. "The Rise and Fall of the Western Civilization Course," American Historical Review 87 (1982), pp. 695-725.
16. Allardyce, Gilbert. "Toward World History: American Historians and the Coming of the World History Course," Journal of World History 1 (1990), pp. 23-76.