

**University of Florida**  
**Department of History**

EUH 3931 / EUS 3930: MWF 7 (1.55 – 2.45pm), FLI117

## **Divided Germany 1945 - 1990**

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### **Course Description**

The course covers the social and cultural history in divided Germany, including a comparative view of the two political systems and the consequences of division from ideological, generational, and cultural points of view. It also deals with the multitude of problems after reunification.

Students will be introduced to the method of critical source analysis. They are required to write a final research paper (10 pages, double spaced), due on April 9, 9pm. This final paper should be outlined in a short abstract (1 page), containing a bibliography (10 titles or more) due on March 11, 9pm.

The paper should be a critical reflection on a topic we discussed in class, drawing on our reading and additional materials. I would like to see every student at least once during my office hours (or by appointment) to discuss the paper topic.

There will be a two-page source analysis assignment as a home written “Test”-paper with a “test”-grade due on January 31, 9pm.

## Course Policies

Grading:

Final Exam: 30%

Four weeks before the final exam the instructor will hand out a study guide with a number of exam questions and tasks out of which one third will be chosen for the exam.

Final Paper: 30%

Participation: 40%

Participation requires regular reading responses via email consisting of at least two questions (which the instructor will specify in class) concerning the respective text assigned. The response should be e-mailed at 6pm the day before class.

Students who miss class more than three times unexcused will fail.

During class, phones, computers, and tablets have to be switched off and stored in bags/briefcases.

Plagiarism is not tolerated. Students who plagiarize in any of the writing assignments will fail the class. The instructor will inform the university about such behavior. The principles of academic honesty will be explained in class. Consult the university policies on rules of conduct here:

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

## Course Schedule

Wednesday, January 6: Introduction

Friday, January 8: Jason P. Coy, *A Brief History of Germany*, p. 148 – 179

Monday, January 11: Jason P. Coy, *A Brief History of Germany*, p. 180 - 196

Wednesday, January 13: Jason P. Coy, *A Brief History of Germany*, p. 197 - 225

Friday, January 15: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler. Recivilizing Germans*, p. 3 - 17

Wednesday, January 20: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 19 – 45

Friday, January 22: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 46 - 71

Monday, January 25: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 72 - 98

Wednesday, January 27: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 99 - 129

Friday, January 29: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 130 - 155

Monday, February 1: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 156 - 184

Wednesday, February 3: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 185 - 213

Friday, February 5: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 214 - 238

Monday, February 8: Konrad Jarausch, *After Hitler [...]*, p. 239 - 281

Wednesday, February 10: Atina Grossmann, A question of Silence [...], in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 33 - 52

Friday, February 12: Josef Foschepoth, German Reaction to Defeat and Occupation, in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 73 - 89

Monday, February 15: Curt Garner, Public Service Personnel in West Germany in the 1950s [...], in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 135 - 195

Wednesday, February 17: Robert G. Moeller, Reconstructing the Family in Reconstruction Germany [...], in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 109 - 133

Friday, February 19: Frank Stern, The Historic Triangle [...], in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 199 - 229

Monday, February 22: Constantin Goschler, The Attitude towards Jews in Bavaria after the Second World War, in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 231-249

Wednesday, February 24: Robert G. Moeller, The Homosexual Man [...], in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 251 - 284

Monday, March 7: Mark Roseman, The Organic Society and the “Massenmenschen”, in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 287 - 320

Wednesday, March 9: Heide Fehrenbach, The Fight for the Christian West [...], in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 321 - 345

Friday, March 11: Erica Carter, Alice in Consumer Wonderland [...], in: Robert G. Moeller (ed.): *West Germany under Construction [...]*, p. 347 - 371

Monday, March 14: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship. Inside the GDR 1949 – 1989*, p. 1 - 20

Wednesday, March 16: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 21 - 56

Friday, March 18: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 57 - 86

Monday, March 21: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 87 - 125

Wednesday, March 23: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 127 - 150

Friday, March 25: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 151 - 170  
Monday, March 28: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 171 - 200  
Wednesday, March 30: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 201 - 242  
Friday, April 1: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 243 - 265  
Monday, April 4: Mary Fulbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship [...]*, p. 269 - 289  
Wednesday, April 6: GDR Propaganda [additional material provided by instructor}  
Friday, April 8: Heinrich Boell, short story [additional material provided by instructor}  
Monday, April 11: Jacob Arjouni, short story [additional material provided by instructor}  
Wednesday, April 13: Film, *The Lives of Others*  
Friday, April 15: Film, *The Lives of Others*  
Monday, April 18: Film, *The Lives of Others*  
Wednesday, April 20: Conclusion