

## History of the Habsburg Monarchy

EUH 4563, Section 0067F/ EUS 3930, Section 068G  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> period, 1:55-2:45; Thursday 7-8 periods, 1:55-3:50  
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I am on campus 5 days a week 10:30-4:30. You can drop by or call ahead: 392-7148,  
392-7142.

In this course we will study the multiethnic dynastic state from its revitalization under Maria Theresa, conservative retrenchment under Metternich, and the challenge of nationalism from its peoples, to Austro-Hungary's collapse in World War I.

It fulfills the requirements for Gordon Rule, Historical and Philosophical Studies (H) and International studies and Diversity (I). This course examines the political and cultural history of the Habsburg Monarchy, a multiethnic, religiously diverse empire in the heart of Europe. The area studied comprised present-day Austria, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary, Croatia, and Slovenia, and parts of Poland, Romania, Serbia and Italy. The Habsburgs were a Catholic dynasty, but their peoples included Protestants, Orthodox, Jews, and Muslims.

### Books for purchase:

Charles Ingrao, *The Habsburg Monarchy, 1618-1815*, Second edition  
Ignacy Krasicki, *The Adventures of Mr. Nicholas Wisdom*  
*Metternich, The Autobiography, 1773-1815*  
Alan Sked, *The Decline and Fall of the Habsburg Empire, 1815-1918*  
Carl E. Schorske, *Fin-de-siècle Vienna*

### Recommended:

Stefan Zweig, *World of Yesterday*  
Alice Freifeld, *Nationalism and the Crowd in Liberal Hungary, 1848-1914*  
Additional articles, documents, and snippets will be available on Canvas.

Textbooks are available at the campus bookstore and Gator Textbook: 3501 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
From campus take SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. across 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Left into Creekside Mall.

Or University Ave. Left unto 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Right onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Left into Creekside Mall.

Or Archer Road, Right unto 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Right onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Right into Creekside Mall.

Textbooks are also on reserve at Library West

Students are expected to purchase and read the books. Reading is central to this course. Habsburg history cannot be learned simply by surfing the net. The final research paper will entail additional reading.

Please keep your receipt for *Nationalism and the Crowd in Liberal Hungary* so that I can partially reimburse you for the purchase.

**Requirements:** midterm, 10%; 4-5 page paper, 20%; 10-page research paper, 30%; take home, 15%; final, 15%, participation, 10%.

Pop quizzes will be given if necessary to keep students reading and attending. Percentages would be adjusted to include these quizzes.

- Research papers: Students are **required** to discuss their research paper topic with the instructor in advance. You must come to office hours at least once in the semester. The research paper is meant to be an opportunity for you to explore and use the library's books, journal resources, and database journals and books.
- Plagiarism is a serious offense, which will not be tolerated. The web is a wonderful source of information, but misusing it or depending upon weak web sources is unexceptionable. All papers must comply with the handout on **paper guidelines**.
- Rewrites will be accepted, if the paper is turned in early enough to permit rewriting and grading of the paper.
- Citations: The research paper must use footnotes or endnotes. If in doubt, purchase Rampolla, *Writing History*. Guidelines for Turabian-style footnotes/endnotes are also available on the web. MLA style (citations inset in the text) is acceptable for papers based solely on class readings.
- Attendance Policy: Attendance is expected. Each student will be entitled to 3 unmotivated absences during the semester. Any additional absences will bring about a deduction from your final grade. Motivated absences are those that are justifiable (and here I will be the judge of what that means), and can be documented.
- You may take notes on your computer, but surfing the web, reading email, or playing video is distracting to those around you, rude, and amounts to an unmotivated absence. If necessary, use of computers in class will be prohibited.

This is the course plan for the semester. **It is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the instructor.**

#### Week I

1/5: Introduction

1/7: Danubia: The Land and the Peoples

Who were the Habsburgs?

Reading: Ingraio, Ch. 1-3 (read selectively)

#### Week II:

1/12: Maria Theresa versus Frederick the Great

1/14: Hallelujah! The Habsburg Monarchy survives: the Baroque

Maria Theresa's reforms  
Reading: Ingraio, Ch. 4-5; Maria Theresa letters

Week III

1/19: The Polish Partitions  
1/21: Joseph II and Enlightenment Reform  
Discuss Krasicki  
Reading: Krasicki; Ingraio, Ch. 6

Week IV

1/19: MLK  
1/21: Metternich vs. Napoleon  
The Congress of Vienna  
Reading: Ingraio, Ch. 7 & Conclusion

Week V

1/26: midterm  
1/28: Romanticism/Biedermeier  
The Nationalist Awakening  
Reading, Sked, ch. 1; Metternich

Week VI

2/2: 1830 Polish Uprising, Cholera  
2/4: 1848, The Springtime of Peoples  
Revolutions of Vienna, Prague, Milan and Budapest  
Reading: Sked, ch. 2; complete Metternich

Week VII: 2/9 & 2/11: SPRING BREAK

Week VIII

2/16: Franz Joseph and Neo-Absolutism  
2/18 **Paper Due**  
The Chastened Crowd in Hungary  
From Defeat to Compromise  
Reading: Complete Metternich; Sked, Ch. 3-4

Week IX

2/23 Small vs. Large Germany  
2/25 Dualism  
Elisabeth and Celebrity Monarchism  
Reading: Sked: Ch. 5; Freifeld, Elizabeth article on Canvas

Week X

3/1 The Liberal Urban Façade in Vienna & Budapest  
3/3 Austria in the Great Depression

Politics in a Sharper Key  
Reading: Schorske, Ch. 1-3

Week XI

- 3/8 Tiszaeszlar—Anti-Semitism and Zionism  
3/10 Freud and the Drama of Family Life (Handout)  
Klimt and Schiele  
Discussion: Victorian education & Sex in the City  
Reading: Schorske, 4-5; Zweig, *World of Yesterday*, Ch. 1-4

Week XII

- 3/15 The Minorities and the Magyar Millennium  
3/17 Austro-Marxism and the Russian Revolution of 1905  
Pan-Slavism and the Eastern Question  
Reading: Sked, Ch. 6

Week XIII

- 3/22 Causes of World War I  
3/24 Balkans—Ottoman disintegration  
Sarajevo

Week XIV

- 3/29 Movie Colonel Redl  
3/31 Movie Sunshine, Part I

Week XV

- 4/5 War on the Eastern Front  
4/7 ProjectGO The Homefront  
The Catastrophe and the Satirists: Karl Kraus and Jaroslav Hasek  
Reading: Karl Kraus handout

Week XVI

- 4/12 1916--Kaiser Karl the Perhapsburg  
4/14 Woodrow Wilson, Masaryk and the Czech Legion  
Research Paper due

Week XVII

- 4/19 Denouement  
4/21 Review  
4/28 Exam