

## **20<sup>th</sup> Century German History**

EUH 4464, EUS 3930, GET 4930, T 5-6, R 6 (Tuesday 11.45 – 1.40, Thursday 12.50 – 1.40)

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The course will cover the period from World War I to the fall of the Berlin Wall and offers a comprehensive history of modern German politics and culture. It will especially deal with the reasons for the failure of the Weimar Republic and the rise of National Socialism. It will also look closely at the transformation of German society through the period of ideological confrontation, division, and cultural change after 1945.

Students will be introduced to basic historical sources. They are required to write a final research paper (10 pages, double spaced), due on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 12pm. This final paper should be outlined in a short prospectus (1 page), containing a bibliography (10 titles or more) due on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 12pm.

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 each of you at least once during my office hours (or by appointment) to discuss your paper topic. I will provide topic suggestions for those of you who don't come up with an idea of your own. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that come up during the semester.

There will be a two page source analysis assignment as a home written "Test"-paper with a "test"-grade due on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 12pm.

These books have to be purchased by the students:

Mary Fulbrook: *A Concise History of Germany* (New York: Cambridge UP 1991)

*Nazism and German Society 1933 – 1945*, ed. By David Crew (London / New York: Routledge 2005)

Detlev Peukert: *The Weimar Republic* (New York, Hill & Wang 1993)

Mary Fulbrook: *Interpretation of the two Germanies 1945 – 1990* (New York, St. Martin's Press 2000)

**Grading:**

Final Exam: 40%

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: 40%

Participation: 20%

Participation requires regular reading responses via email consisting of at least two questions about the respective text assigned which the instructor will specify in class. The response should be mailed at 7pm the day before class.

**Course policies:**

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:

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Introduction

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, How to deal with sources

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Mary Fulbrook, A Concise History of Germany (New York: Cambridge UP 1991), 104 - 154

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Mary Fulbrook, A Concise History of Germany [...], 155 - 179

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Mary Fulbrook, A Concise History of Germany [...], 179 – 235

Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mary Fulbrook, A Concise History of Germany [...], 235 - 261

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, Detlev Peukert, The Weimar Republic (New York, Hill & Wang 1993), 3 - 51

Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Detlev Peukert, The Weimar Republic [...], 52 - 77

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Detlev Peukert, The Weimar Republic [...], 80 – 128; Joseph Goebbels, Around the Gedächtniskirche, in: Anton Kaes, Martin Jay, Edward Dimendberg, The Weimar Republic Sourcebook (Berkeley: UC Press, 1994), 560 – 562 (provided by instructor)

Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Detlev Peukert, The Weimar Republic [...], 129 - 163

Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Detlev Peukert, The Weimar Republic [...], 164 – 221; Otto Steinicke, A Visit to a New Apartment, in: Anton Kaes, Martin Jay, Edward Dimendberg, The Weimar Republic Sourcebook [...], 471 – 473 (provided by instructor), **SOURCE ANALYSIS DUE**

Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> How to write a paper

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, FILM, Metropolis

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Detlev Peukert: The Weimar Republic [...], 222 - 282

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Omar Bartov, The Missing Years: German Workers, German Soldiers, in: Nazism and German Society 1933 – 1945, ed. By David Crew (London / New York: Routledge 2005), 41 – 66; Alf Lüdtke, The “Honor of Labor”: Industrial Workers and the Power of Symbols under National Socialism, in: Nazism and German Society [...], 67 - 109

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Klaus-Michael Mallmann and Gerhard Paul, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent? Gestapo, Society and Resistance, in: Nazism and German Society [...], 166 – 196

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Gisela Bock, Antinatalism, Maternity and Paternity in National Socialist Racism, in Nazism and German Society [...], 110 – 140; Adelheid von Saldern, Victims or Perpetrators? Controversies about the Role of Women in the Nazi State, in: Nazism and German Society [...], 141 – 165, **PAPER PROSPECTUS DUE**

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Detlef Peukert, The Genesis of the Final Solution and the Spirit of Science, in: Nazism and German Society [...], 274 - 299

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Ian Kershaw, The "Hitler Myth": Image and Reality in the Third Reich, in: Nazism and German Society [...], 197 – 215; Christopher R. Browning, One Day in Jozefow: Initiation to Mass Murder, in: Nazism and German Society [...], 300 – 315; leaflet by White Rose Resistance group (provided by instructor)

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, FILM Triumph of the Will

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Mary Fulbrook: Interpretation of the two Germanies 1945 – 1990 (New York, St. Martin's Press 2000), 1 - 97

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Heinrich Böll, Traveller, if you come to Spa... (London: Arco, 1956), 42 – 53 (provided by instructor)

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Mark Allinson, The failed experiment: East German communism, in: German History since 1800, ed. by Mary Fulbrook (London: Arnold, 1997), 204 – 225 (provided by instructor); East German Propaganda (additional Material)

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Detlef Siegfried: Understanding 1968: Youth Rebellion, Generational Change and Postindustrial Society, in: Axel Schildt / Detlef Siegfried: Between Marx and Coca Cola [...], 59 – 81 (provided by instructor)

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, FILM Baader Meinhof Komplex

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Timothy Garton Ash: The Magic Lantern. The Revolution of '89 witnessed in Warsaw, Budapest Berlin and Prague (New York: Vintage 1999), 61 – 78 (provided by instructor)

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> FILM, Das Leben der Anderen (The Life of Others) **PAPER DUE**

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Jacob Arjouni, Idiots (New York: Other Press, 2005), 58 – 88

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Conclusion