

University of Florida
Department of History

20th Century Germany

EUH 3931 / EUS 3930 / EUH 5934: Tuesday 11.45 – 1.40, Thursday 12.50 – 1.40
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Course Description

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 the method of critical source analysis. They are required to write a final research paper (10 pages, double spaced), due on April 9th, 9pm. This final paper should be outlined in a short abstract (1 page), containing a bibliography (10 titles or more) due on March 12th, 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 29th, 9pm.

Three books used in the class will have to be purchased:

<http://www.bsd.ufl.edu/textadoption/studentview/displayadoption1sect.aspx?SECT=1245&YEAR=17&TERM=1>

When ordering the book, please check the ISBN Number, or you might end up with a different edition.

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/) 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

Thursday, January 5: Introduction

Tuesday, January 10: Germany before 1918 (additional material provided by instructor)

Thursday, January 12: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *The Weimar Republic* [...], pp. 3-52

Tuesday, January 17: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *The Weimar Republic* [...], pp. 53-77

Thursday, January 19: Lecture: how to deal with sources

Tuesday, January 24: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *The Weimar Republic* [...], pp. 81-128

Thursday, January 26: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *The Weimar Republic* [...], pp. 129-163

Tuesday, January 31: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *The Weimar Republic* [...], pp. 165-190

Thursday, February 2: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *The Weimar Republic* [...], pp. 193-246

Tuesday, February 7: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *The Weimar Republic* [...], pp. 249-282

Bertold Brecht, *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* (additional material provided by instructor)

Thursday, February 9: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany* [...], pp. 14-46

Tuesday, February 14: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany* [...], pp. 49-85

Thursday, February 16: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany* [...], pp. 86- 118

Tuesday, February 21: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany* [...], pp. 118-144;

National Socialist propaganda (films)

Thursday, February 23: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany* [...], pp. 145-174

Tuesday, February 28: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany* [...], pp. 175-207;

how to write a paper

Thursday, March 2: Detlev J. K. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany* [...], pp. 208-249

Tuesday, March 14: Lothar Kettenacker, *Germany since 1945* [...], pp. 1-37

Thursday, March 16: Lothar Kettenacker, *Germany since 1945* [...], pp. 37-53

Tuesday, March 21: Lothar Kettenacker, *Germany since 1945* [...], pp. 53-106

Thursday, March 23: Lothar Kettenacker, *Germany since 1945* [...], pp. 106-125

Tuesday, March 28: Lothar Kettenacker, *Germany since 1945* [...], pp. 125-179

Thursday, March 30: Lothar Kettenacker, *Germany since 1945* [...], pp. 179-213

Tuesday, April 4: Lothar Kettenacker, *Germany since 1945* [...], pp. 213-245

Thursday, April 6: Heinrich Böll, short story (additional material provided by instructor)

Tuesday, April 11: Film

Thursday, April 13: Film

Tuesday, April 18: Conclusion