Syllabus: HISTORY 379, WORLD WAR I, SPRING 2017
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MWF 10:10-11:00 (lecture) GS G22
Disc.: Tues, 12:20, White 104

General Information

The following required books are available for purchase, though copies are on URIS two-hour reserve as well:

Gilbert, Felix, *The End of the European Era*, 5th ed. (2002) [If you acquire a different edition, page numbers will be different, too. Use your common sense—the readings are tailored to the subject of the lecture.]
*Strunk, William, and E.B. White, The Elements of Style*

Readings marked with an asterix* are available on the course website under “Course Documents.” The website also contains a set (labelled “Front Matter”) of chronologies, maps, and names of statesmen. All other readings are available through JSTOR, which you should access via the Library Catalogue.

Assigned reading should be done before the relevant lecture or discussion. Supplementary documents and other materials will be available through the course website.

The requirements for this course are attendance at lectures, active and informed participation in discussion sections, and completion of 4 written assignments (one in-class prelim, two 7-page papers, and one final exam). Grading percentages are: Prelim 20%, 1st Paper 20%, 2nd Paper 20%, Final Exam 20%, participation in discussion section 20%.

Schedule of Lectures and Required Readings

(The complete bibliographical references for the required readings will be posted on the website. “Further Readings” are listed for each lecture, for those who are interested in pursuing a particular topic; these “Further Readings” are not required. To help you with paper topics, a longer bibliography will be posted on the website, as well as information on how to go about finding a topic and locating books; that information is posted under “Course Information.”)

Reading: Gilbert, Ch. 1; *Taylor, Introduction

STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL STATE SYSTEM
Jan. 27: France
Reading: Gilbert, Ch. 2 (on France)

II. Jan. 30: Great Britain
Reading: Gilbert, Ch. 2 (on Britain); *Porter, The Lion’s Share*, 74-105, 108-118

Feb. 1: Germany
Reading: Gilbert, Ch 2 (on Germany); *Berghahn, Ch. 1

Feb. 3: Austria-Hungary
Reading: Gilbert, Ch. 2 (on Austria), *La Fore, Ch. 2

III. Feb. 6: Russia
Reading: Gilbert, Ch. 2 (on Russia); *Zelnik, “Revolutionary Russia,”*

Feb. 8: Turkey
Reading: *A.L. Macfie, 1-19; *Lewis, 210-38

Feb. 10: The European System of Security
Reading: *Bridge & Bullen, Ch. 1 & *Taylor, Ch. 12

IV. Feb. 13: International Law
Reading: *Regulation Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land* (Hague Convention 1899)

THE CRISES OF THE NATION-STATES

Feb. 15: Nationalism as Liberalism
Reading: *Calhoun, “State, Nation, and Legitimacy”*
Further Reading: Eric J. Hobsbawm, *Nations and nationalism since 1780; programme, myth, reality* (1990)

Feb. 17: Imperialism and Hypernationalism  
Reading: *Joll, Ch 7; *Churchill Ch. 15  

Feb. 17: FIRST PAPER TOPIC DUE

V.  
Feb. 20: NO CLASS, “FEB. BREAK”
Feb. 22: The European Militaries  
Reading: *Herrmann, “The European Armies in 1904”*  
Further Reading: Morris Janowitz, *The professional soldier; a social and political portrait* (1971)

THE BACKGROUND TO WAR

Feb. 24: Industrial warfare  
Reading: *Engelbrecht & Hanighen, Merchants of Death* (1934), 108-20; 140-154  
*Ivan S. Bloch, The Future of War, Part 2 Ch. 6.*  

VI.  
Feb. 27: The naval and armaments races  
Reading: *Kennedy, “The Impulse and Orchestration of Patriotism,”*  
Further Reading: Geoff Eley, *Reshaping the German Right* (1983)

Mar. 1: International relations, 1894-1905/07  
Reading: *Monger, Ch. 1; Gilbert Ch 3 (Alliance System); *Joachim Remak, “Triple Alliance and Triple Entente,”*  
Further Reading: Taylor, *Struggle for Mastery*, Chs. 15-19

Mar. 3: International relations, 1905-1914  
Reading: Gilbert Ch. 3 (Crises); *Eyre Crowe Memorandum*  
Further Reading: Taylor, *Struggle for Mastery*, Chs. 20-22

VII.  
Mar. 6: Balkan Wars  
Reading: *Hall, The Balkan Wars 1912-1913*, 1-15  

Mar. 8: FIRST PAPER DUE (at beginning of lecture)
Mar. 10: Military Planning
*Williamson, “Joffre Reshapes French Strategy”
Fuller, “The Quest for Exits” [Uris Reserve]
Further Reading: Paul Kennedy, The war plans of the great powers 1880-1914 (1979)

Mar. 10: Social Science Theories of the Outbreak of the War
Reading: *Jack Snyder, “Perceptions of the Security Dilemma in 1914”
Further Reading: Gary Goertz and Jack S. Levy, eds., Explaining War and Peace: Case Studies and Necessary Condition Counterfactuals (New York: Routledge, 2007), Chs. 3-6.

VIII. Mar. 13: The Assassination and Alternatives to War
Reading: *Christopher Clark, Sleepwalkers, Ch. 1
*Ned Lebow, “Franz Ferdinand Found Alive; World War I Unnecessary”
Further Reading: Vladimir Dedijer, The Road to Sarajevo (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1966)

Mar. 15: Germany’s Revolutionary Foreign Policy
Reading: *Paul Rohrbach, German World Policies, 76-94, 185-205.
*Friedrich v. Bernhardi, Germany and the Next War, 85-114.

Mar. 17: France and Russia Respond
Reading: *J.F.V. Keiger, “France’s unreadiness for war in 1914 and its implications for French decision-making in the July Crisis”
*Clark, Sleepwalkers, 301-308, 350-53

IX. Mar. 20: July 1914
Reading: Gilbert Ch. 3 (Outbreak of First World War); Howard, First World War, 1-31; *Documents from Geiss, July 1914: The Outbreak of the First World War
Mar. 22: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

THE GREAT WAR

Mar. 24: Fall 1914: Military catastrophe, Propaganda and Self-Understanding
Reading: Howard, *The First World War*

X. Mar. 27: War Aims Preclude a Diplomatic Solution
Reading: *September Program, *Petition of the 6 Economic Organizations

Mar. 29: Total military techniques
Reading: *Johnson, “Tools and Weapons,”*  
*Ernst Jünger, “The Battle of Cambrai,”*
Further Reading: John Keegan, *The First World War*, 278-308; Alistair Horne,  

Mar. 31: NO CLASS
TBA (Make-up lecture) Total Mobilization: of People and the Economy  
Further Reading: Strachan, Horne, and Turner, in Strachan, World War I: An  
Illustrated History; Richard Wall and J. M. Winter, eds., *The Upheaval of  
John Horne, *State, society and mobilization in Europe during the First World  
War* (1997)

SPRING BREAK (Apr. 3-7)

XI. Apr. 10: Occupation: Treatment of Civilians  
Reading: John Ellis, *Eye Deep in Hell*  
Further Reading: Vejas Liulevicius, *Warland: peoples, lands and national identity on the  
Eastern Front in World War One* (1994)

Apr. 12: Blockade  
Reading: *Chickering, The Great War and Urban Life*, Ch. 7: “Senses.”  
Further Reading: C. Paul Vincent, *The Politics of Hunger: The Allied Blockade of  
Germany, 1915-1919* (1985)

Apr. 14: The devastation of economies  
Reading: *Bessel, “Mobilizing German Society for War”*  
Further Reading: Arthur Marwick, *Before the Deluge: British society and the  
First World War* (1970)

XII. Apr. 17: Intentional Radicalization
*von Hagen, “War and the Mobilization of Ethnicity”
Further Reading: Fritz Fischer, Germany’s Aims in the First World War (1967)

Apr. 17: SECOND PAPER TOPICS DUE IN CLASS

Apr. 19: Ethnic cleansing & Genocide

Apr. 23: NO CLASS
TBA (Make-up Lecture): 1917 (the future bi-polar world takes shape: U.S. USSR)
Reading: *Horne, “Socialism, Peace, and Revolution”

XIII. Apr. 24: The Cultural Consequences of the War
Reading: Eksteins, Rites of Spring
Apr. 26: The Influenza Epidemic

Apr. 28: Brest-Litovsk, the Armistice
Reading: *Wilson’s 14 Points, the U.S. and German Armistice Notes and the Armistice text, in U.S. State Department, Papers Relating to the Foreign Relations of the United States
Further Reading: Adrian Gregory, The silence of memory; armistice day, 1919-1946 (1994)

THE POSTWAR WORLD

XIV. May 1: Treaty of Versailles
Reading: *Steiner, “The Peace Settlement;” optional: Gilbert Ch. 4

May 3: Demobilization and Statelessness
Reading: *Bessel, “The Legacy of the First World War and Weimar Politics”
Further Reading: Charles Maier, Recasting Bourgeois Europe (1977)
May 3:  SECOND PAPER DUE (at beginning of lecture)

May 5:  Memory and Historiography

XV.

May 8:  League of Nations
    Reading: Gilbert, Ch. 4 (League of Nations)
    Further Reading: Mark Mazower, “Empires, Nations, Minorities” in *Dark Continent* (41-75)

May 10:  World of the Future/War of the Future