

Welcome to History 5308 Spring 2017

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Welcome and Greetings!

Our web-based seminar is a readings course on the history of Modern Germany. The assignments are a combination of reading, discussion and papers.

The assignments are as follows:

Discussion Board: Each week there are assignments for the discussion board. First click the discussion board icon on the left of our website. The assignments can be found there. Each week you will read a half of one of the book assigned. Then you will post a 3-5 paragraph essay analyzing the reading. If there are enough students, you will also post two replies to the essays of other students highlighting aspects of their essays. There are a total of 14 assignments. 45% of final grade

Final paper(s): You have the option of writing 7 individual book reviews for each of the 7 required books for course. The reviews should be 3-4 pages each of critical analysis. The other option is to write a 15 page comparative paper analyzing all 7 books highlighting a theme or several themes found in the books.

The books for the course are as follows:

Ring of Steel: Germany and Austria-Hungary in World War One

David Stone

ISBN 0465094880

The German War: A Nation Under Arms, 1939-1945

Nicholas Stargardt

ISBN 0465018998

Hitler's Soldiers: The German Army in the Third Reich

Ben Shepherd

ISBN 0300179030

Between Dignity and Despair: Jewish Life in Nazi Germany

Marion A. Kaplan

ISBN 01915130928

After the Reich: The Brutal Occupation of the Allied Occupation

Giles MacDonogh

ISBN 0465003389

A History of Germany 1918-2014: The Divided Nation

Mary Fulbrook

ISBN 1118776148

Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy

Eric D Weitz

ISBN 0691157960

If there are any problems acquiring the books (all available on amazon -- any used copy or edition acceptable-- or found in the library or on library loan; the book store can order books with the ISBN but will probably be more expensive), please email or call me and we can work out alternatives for the assignments until the required books for the course arrive.

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Welcome again and I look forward to our course.

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