Global Seminar in Berlin
MMW15 GS: The Making of the Modern World 6 -- The 20th Century and Beyond

Instructor: Frank Biess
Place: Berlin
Time: Summer Session 1, Tue, Th 9-12
Excursions: Tue, Th pm, Wednesday.

Course Description: The course begins with a consideration of the causes and consequences of World War I, and then looks at post-war efforts at establishing a liberal peace. We will then consider internal and external challenges to this liberal order. This includes an examination of "revolutions" inside and outside of the West as well as different anti-imperialist movements. We will then addresses the deepening crisis within Europe in the interwar period, especially evident in the emergence of collectivist responses to the worldwide depression. This period of crisis provides the background for understanding World War II. The second part of the course discusses the consequences of this global conflict, especially the process of decolonization and the global antagonism between communism and capitalism during the Cold War. The last segment of the course analyzes global challenges to the Cold War order. We will end with the collapse of communism and an assessment of the prospect for human rights and democracy in the 21st century.

Course Format: Meetings will entail a mixture of lecture and discussion. Since students will also be enrolled in HIEU 154 Modern Germany, the themes covered in this course (for example the rise of Nazism in Germany and World War II in Europe) will be de-emphasized. Instead, we will place particular attention to the themes that relate to Berlin, such as, for example, the Cold War and the fall of Communism.

Course Readings:
Jerry Bentley, Herbert Ziegler, Traditions and Encounters. A Global Perspective on the Past, 5th edition
Peter Schneider, The Wall Jumper.
Marjane Satrapi, Persepolis. The Story of a Childhood
Articles and primary sources on e-reserve

Course Requirement: Participation, Midterm, Final, two 4-5 page papers due at the beginning of weeks 3 and 5.

Week 1: WAR AND REVOLUTION

Tue: WWI. Modernist Revolution

Traditions and Encounters, 945-85.
Woodrow Wilson, "The Fourteen Points" and the "Four Points"
Filippo Marinetti, "The Founding and Manifesto of Futurism"
Tristan Tzara, "Dadaism"
Sigmund Freud, "Why War? Letter to Albert Einstein"

**Th : Comparative Revolutions: Russia and Mexico**

*Traditions and Encounters, 855-59, 963-65, 1020-29.*
V.I. Lenin, "The Task of the Proletarian Revolution" and "Marxism and Insurrection "

**Week 2: ANTI-IMPERIALISM/CRISIS OF DEMOCRACY**

**Tue: Anti-Imperialism**
*Traditions and Encounters, 1005-20*
Sun-Yat Sen, "Fundamentals of National Reconstruction
Mao Ze Dong, "The Task of the Proletarian Revolution,"
Mohandas Ghandi, "Autobiography"
Theodor Herzl, "On the Jewish State"
Resolution of the General Syrian Congress, July 2, 1919

**Th: The Crisis of Democracy**

*Traditions and Encounters, 985-1003*
W.H. Auden, "The Unknown Citizen"
Benito Mussolini, "The Political and Social Doctrine of Fascism"

**Week 3: WORLD WAR AND COLD WAR**

**Tue: Midterm**

**Th: World War And Cold War**
*Traditions and Encounters, 1031-79*
Hagen, *German History*, 353-98
Peter Schneider, *The Wall Jumper*

**Excursions:*
**Tue: Allied Museum**
**Th: Wall Museum**

**Week 4: PATHS TO LIBERATION**

**Tue: Decolonization and Projects of Development**

*Traditions and Encounters, 1094-1113.*
Jean Dreze and Amaryta Sen, "India and China"
Th: Social Movements and Fundamentalisms
*Traditions and Encounters*, 1071-84, 1115-18
Satrapi, *Persepolis*
Students for a Democratic Society, "The Port Huron Statement"
Martin Luther King, "Letter from Birmingham Jail"
Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, "The Incompatibility of Monarchy with Islam"

**Week 5: DEMOCRACY, GLOBALIZATION, HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Tue: The Fall of Communism. Globalization and Human Rights**

*Traditions and Encounters*, 1085-90
Hagen, *German History*, 399-428
"Founding Appeal of the New Forum" (September 1989)
"The Fall of the Berlin Wall"
Vaclav Havel, "The Power of the Powerless"
Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948

Excursions:
**Tue: Stasi Museum**

Fr: Final Exam