

IAS 3003
Contemporary Europe
Spring 2010

Class meets:
12:30-1:30 MWF
Hester Hall 183

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

European countries are changing. Immigration and migration have changed the complexions of European societies. The expansion of the European Union has changed the way European governments handle public policy challenges. Over the last twenty years, the boundaries of democratic Europe have moved steadily east. The purpose of this class is to assess these changes, examining how they have altered European cultures, economies, politics and societies. We will focus on a few specific themes, such as the multi-cultural challenges of European immigration, how migration among European countries fosters a common European identity, how economic integration has created a common marketplace of goods, services and ideas, and what has happened to the Transatlantic relationship between Europe and the US.

NOTICE ON DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent him or her from fully demonstrating his or her abilities should contact me personally as soon as possible so we can discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate your educational opportunities.

COURSE READINGS

The following books are available for purchase:

1. James J. Sheehan, *Where Have All the Soldiers Gone? The Transformation of Modern Europe*, Houghton Mifflin, 2008
ISBN 978-0618353965
2. Ian Buruma, *Murder in Amsterdam: Liberal Europe, Islam, and the Limits of Tolerance*, Penquin, 2007
ISBN#: 978-0143112365
3. Willem Maas, *Creating European Citizens*, Roman and Littlefield, 2007
ISBN#: 978-0742554863
4. Walter Laqueur, *The Last Days of Europe: Epitaph for an Old Continent*, Thomas Dunne Books, 2007

ISBN#: 978-0312368708

5. Andrei Markovits, *Uncouth Nation: Why Europe Dislikes America*, Princeton University Press, 2007

ISBN: 978-0691122878

6. Mueller, Herta, *The Land of Green Plums*, Northwestern University Press, ISBN: 0810115972
7. Other readings will be available on the course D2L website.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

The evaluation of students will be based on the quality of written work and class participation. For the evaluation of written work, students will write five short exams and a final exam. All exams will be taken in class. The five exams will consist of a series of short answer questions. The final exam will be an in-class essay.

The calculation of the final grade is as follows:

| Assignments | Possible Points | Grading Scale |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Five Exams, 50 pts each | 250 | A = 315-350 |
| Final Exam | 100 | B = 280-314 |
| TOTAL | 350 | C = 245-279 D = 210-244 F = 0-209 |

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TOPIC AND READINGS</u> |
|-------------|---|
| 20 JAN | Introduction to the Class No Readings |
| 22 JAN | A History of State-Building in Europe Readings: Sheehan, Prologue and Chapters 1 and 2. |
| 25 JAN | A History of Nation-Building in Europe Readings: Sheehan, Chapters 3 and 4. |
| 27 JAN | The Devastation of World Wars Readings: Sheehan, Chapters 5 and 6. |
| 29 JAN | The Civilian State: Diminishing Military Capacities after WW II Readings: Sheehan, Chapters 7 and 8. |

- 1 FEB The Post War Economic Consensus
Readings: R Lowe, "The Second World War, Consensus, and the Foundation of the Welfare State"
- 3 FEB The Types of Welfare States
Readings: Gosta Esping-Andersen, *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1990, Introduction and chp.1, pp. 1-34.
- 5 FEB First Exam
- 8 FEB Ideas of European Integration
Readings: Walter Laqueur, *The Last Days of Europe: Epitaph for an Old Continent*, Thomas Dunne Books, 2007, Chapter 3
John McCormick, "What is the European Union"
- 10 FEB EU's Constitutional Order: Multi-level Governance
Readings: Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks, "Unraveling the Central State, But How? Types of Multi-Level Governance," *American Political Science Review*, 97(2), 2003.
- 12 FEB EU's Constitutional Asymetry
Readings: Scharpf, F. W. (2002). The European Social Model. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 40(4), 645-670.
- 15 FEB Citizenship in the EU: The mechanisms
Readings: Willem Maas, *Creating European Citizens*, Roman and Littlefield, 2007, Chapters 1, 2, 3.
- 17 FEB Citizenship in the EU: The problem of identity
Readings: Willem Maas, *Creating European Citizens*, Roman and Littlefield, 2007, Chapters 4, 5, 6.
- 19 FEB The Democratic Deficit: The problem of representation
Readings: Thomas Risse, "We the European Peoples", typescript
- 22 FEB The Treaty of Lisbon
Readings: Fondation Robert Schuman, "Ten Facts About the Lisbon Treaty"
- 24 FEB Second Exam
- 26 FEB A History of Communism in Eastern Europe
Readings: Vladimir Tismaneanu, "Reassessing the Revolutions of 1989".

- 1 MAR The Social Effects of Totalitarianism
Readings: Bronislaw Geremek, “The Transformation of Central Europe”
- 3 MAR Transitions to Democracy in Eastern Europe
Readings: John Van Oudenaren, “EU Enlargement: The Return to Europe,” in Ronald Tiersky and Erik Jones, editors, *Europe Today: A Twenty-First Century Introduction*, Lanham, Maryland: Roman and Littlefield, 2007, pp. 343-368.
- 5 MAR EU Enlargement and Democratic Consolidation
Readings: Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, “EU Accession is No ‘End of History’”, *Journal of Democracy* , 18(4), October 2007, 8-16.
- 8 MAR A Discussion of Herta Mueller
Readings: Herta Mueller, *The Land of Green Plums*, first half.
- 10 MAR A Discussion of Herta Mueller (cont)
Readings: Herta Mueller, *The Land of Green Plums*, second half.
- 12 MAR Third Exam
- 15-19 MAR Spring Break – No Class
- 22 MAR Migration and Immigration in Europe
Readings: Christian Joppke, “Transformation of Immigrant Integration: Civic Integration and Antidiscrimination in the Netherlands, France, and Germany,” *World Politics*, 59 (January 2007), 243–73
- 24 MAR Islamic Immigration in Europe
Readings: Justin Vaisse, “Muslims in Europe: A Short Introduction,” US-Europe Analysis Series, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, September 2008.
Walter Laqueur, *The Last Days of Europe: Epitaph for an Old Continent*, Thomas Dunne Books, 2007, Chapter 2
- 26 MAR Islamic Radicalism and Free Speech in Europe
Readings: “Muslims and City Politics: When Town Halls Turn to Mecca,” *Economist*, 6 December 2008, pp. 76-79.
Ian Buruma, Murder in Amsterdam
- 29 MAR Anti-Islamic backlash in Europe: Xenophobia
Readings: Ian Buruma, Murder in Amsterdam
- 31 MAR Debates about radicalism within European Islam
Readings: Ian Buruma, Murder in Amsterdam

- 2 APR A History of Christian Democracy in Europe
Readings: Wolfram Kaiser, "Christian Democracy in Twentieth Century Europe,"
Journal of Contemporary History, 2004, 39(1): 127-135.
- 5 APR Islam and European religious traditions
Readings: Walter Laqueur, *The Last Days of Europe: Epitaph for an Old
Continent*, Thomas Dunne Books, 2007, Chapter 2
Speech by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Religious Tolerance
<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/1575>
Speech by the Pope on Christian Europe
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/pont-messages/2008/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20081203_culture-religioni_en.html
- 7 APR The problem of Turkish membership in the EU
Readings: John Redmond, "Turkey and the European Union" *International
Affairs*, 83(2), 2007: 305-317.
- 9 APR Fourth Exam
- 12 APR History of Anti-Americanism in Europe
Readings: Andrei Markovits, *Uncouth Nation: Why Europe Dislikes America*,
Princeton University Press, 2007, chapters 1, 2,
Readings:
- 14 APR Anti-Semitism and Anti-Americanism in Europe
Readings: Andrei Markovits, *Uncouth Nation: Why Europe Dislikes America*,
Princeton University Press, 2007, chapters 3, 4
Readings:
- 16 APR No Class
- 19 APR Transatlantic Trade Issues
Readings: Andrei Markovits, *Uncouth Nation: Why Europe Dislikes America*,
Princeton University Press, 2007, chapters 5, 6
- 21 APR Transatlantic Security Issues
Readings: Walter Laqueur, *The Last Days of Europe: Epitaph for an Old
Continent*, Thomas Dunne Books, 2007, chap 5.
- 23 APR Obamania in Europe
Readings: TBA
- 26 APR Fifth Exam

- 28 APR Sustainability in Europe: Energy
Readings: TBA
- 30 APR Sustainability in Europe: Climate Change
Readings: TBA
- 3 MAY Sustainability in Europe: Population
Readings: Walter Laqueur, *The Last Days of Europe: Epitaph for an Old Continent*, Thomas Dunne Books, 2007, chap 1 and 4.
Russell Shorto, "No Babies?" New York Times Magazine, 29 June 2008, pp. 34-41 and 68-71
- 5 MAY Sustainability in Europe: Fiscal Reform
Readings: Alasdair Roberts The Guardian State , Introduction
- 7 MAY Class Wrap-Up
- 12 MAY Final Exam, 1:30-3:30