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, polities 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:

   ISBN 978-0618353965
2. Ian Buruma, Murder in Amsterdam: Liberal Europe, Islam, and the Limits of Tolerance, Penquin, 2007  
   ISBN#: 978-0143112365
   ISBN#: 978-0742554863
ISBN#: 978-0312368708
   ISBN: 978-0691122878
   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:

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DATE                     TOPIC AND READINGS

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.
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<td>R Lowe, “The Second World War, Consensus, and the Foundation of the Welfare State</td>
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<td>5 FEB</td>
<td>First Exam</td>
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John McCormick, “What is the European Union” |
| 19 FEB| The Democratic Deficit: The problem of representation                 | Thomas Risse, “We the European Peoples”, typescript                                          |
| 24 FEB| Second Exam                                                           |                                                                                             |
| 26 FEB| A History of Communism in Eastern Europe                             | 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

5 MAR  EU Enlargement and Democratic Consolidation

8 MAR  A Discussion of Herta Mueller

10 MAR  A Discussion of Herta Mueller (cont)

12 MAR  Third Exam

15-19 MAR  Spring Break – No Class

22 MAR  Migration and Immigration in Europe

24 MAR  Islamic Immigration in Europe

26 MAR  Islamic Radicalism and Free Speech in Europe
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*
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Speech by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Religious Tolerance [http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/1575](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/1575)  
| 9 APR | Fourth Exam                                                           |                                                                                                |
Readings:                                                                                     |
Readings:                                                                                     |
| 16 APR| No Class                                                              |                                                                                                |
Readings:                                                                                     |
| 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  

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