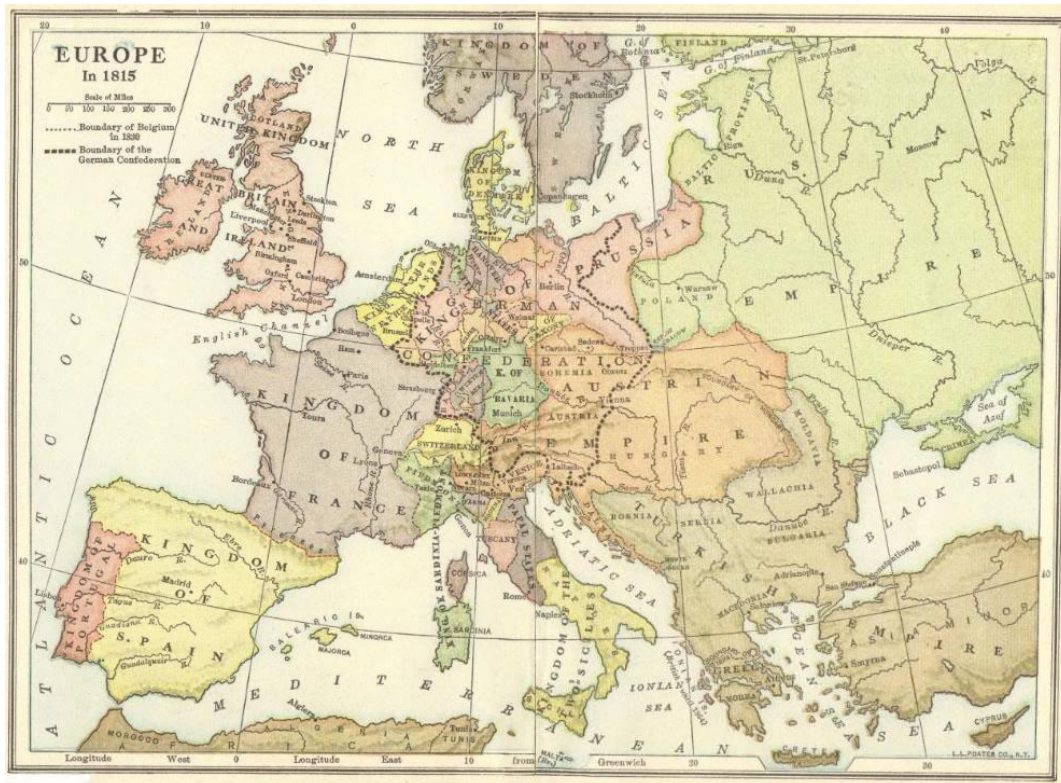


**HIST-UA 12: Modern Europe**  
Spring 2024 | MW 12.30-1.45 | 40 West 4th St. LC11

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*Europe in 1815*

***Description***

Modern European history has been shaped by the competing forces of conservatism, nationalism, socialism, and liberalism. This course follows these movements through developments including revolution, industrialization, nation-building, imperialism, the world wars, the Cold War, decolonization, immigration, and European integration. Readings include Marx & Engels, Sigmund Freud, and Simone de Beauvoir, and the film is *The Lives of Others* (2006). This course assumes no prior knowledge, and welcomes students from all majors, schools, and years.

***Evaluation***

- 25% Journal
- 25% Exam 1
- 25% Exam 2
- 25% Exam 3

### *Attendance*

Your engagement in this course will be assessed through your journal. You may miss up to 3 entries for any reason; 4-5 missed entries will cap your journal grade at a B+; 6 or more missing entries will cap your journal grade at a C+; students who miss at least half of the journal entries will not pass the class. Late entries do not erase an absence, but they can attest to your engagement.

### *Academic integrity*

In this class, plagiarism – intellectual theft and/or fraud – includes using responses produced by **artificial intelligence** in place of your own thinking and writing. It will be fully penalized:

<https://cas.nyu.edu/content/nyu-as/cas/academic-integrity.html>

### *Devices*

Students may take notes on laptops but, because it is so distracting to neighboring students, are asked to disable wireless and set aside phones.

### *Accessibility*

Requests for accommodations should come through the Moses Center:

<https://www.nyu.edu/students/communities-and-groups/students-with-disabilities.html>

### *Religious holidays*

NYU accommodates religious holidays: <https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/university-calendar-policy-on-religious-holidays.html>

### *Readings*

Four required books are available at the NYU Bookstore on Broadway. If you purchase them elsewhere, **use the following ISBN numbers to procure these exact editions:**

- Edward Berenson, *Europe in the Modern World*, 2nd ed. (2020), ISBN 9-780190-078850.
- Marx and Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (2006). ISBN 978-0-14-303751-4.
- Sigmund Freud, *The Wolfman and Other Cases* (2003). ISBN 978-0-14-243745-2.
- Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex* (2011). ISBN 978-0-307-27778-7.

**Textbook:** The textbook is included for your orientation, reference, and studying. I recommend reading the relevant chapter from Berenson before each week begins.

**Major readings:** Each part of the course is paired with one major reading: Marx, Freud, de Beauvoir. Essays on these readings will comprise one third of each exam.

**Lecture readings:** Each lecture is paired with brief primary sources, available the Friday before via Brightspace. You are expected read these texts before each lecture, arriving ready to discuss.

### *Journals*

Throughout the term we will pass your journals back and forth, discussing your responses to various prompts and questions. These journals will be evaluated in the manner of **participation**, emphasizing less recall than **engagement**. As a general rule of thumb, taking each letter as a broad category that includes both + and - , an “A” salutes outstanding participation (0-3 missed entries) and engagement; a “B” signals a shortcoming in either participation (4-5 missed entries) or engagement; a “C” (or below) denotes either (i) a shortcoming in both participation and engagement, or (ii) a significant problem with either participation or engagement.

### *Exams*

Each exam will consist of maps, identification questions, and two brief essays. You will receive a study guide one week prior. With the exception of the specific wording of the essay prompts, the exam will not include anything that you have not previously seen on these study guides. I will also host an optional Zoom meeting before each exam; these sessions will be posted for all to access.

## I: REVOLUTIONS, 1750-1880

*Marx and Engels, pp. 1-52*

### Week 1

Berenson Ch. 4

M Jan 22	The Old Regime
W Jan 24	Enlightenment

### Week 2

Berenson Ch. 5-6

M Jan 29	French Revolution
W Jan 31	Industrial Revolution

### Week 3

Berenson Ch. 7

M Feb 5	Popular Politics
W Feb 7	Restoration Ideologies

### Week 4

Berenson Ch. 7-8

M Feb 12      Revolutions of 1848  
W Feb 14      National Unifications

**Week 5**

*M Feb 19      Presidents' Day*  
W Feb 21      Exam 1

## II. INTO THE ABYSS, 1880-1945

*Freud, pp. 123-202*

**Week 6**

Freud 125-155

M Feb 26      Haussmann's Paris  
W Feb 28      Freud's Vienna

**Week 7**

Berenson Ch. 9

M Mar 4      The New Imperialism  
W Mar 6      Feminism and Mass Politics

**Week 8**

Berenson Ch. 10-11

M Mar 11      First World War  
W Mar 13      Bolshevik Revolution

### ***SPRING BREAK***

**Week 9**

Berenson Ch. 12

M Mar 25      Anti-Semitism and the Pogrom (Zoom)  
W Mar 27      Fascist Counter-Revolution

**Week 10**

Berenson Ch. 13

M Apr 1 Second World War (Zoom)

W Apr 3 Exam 2

### III. NATIONALISM & INTERNATIONALISM, 1945-2024

*de Beauvoir* (c. 250 pages), pp. ix-xvi, 3-68, 126-156, 279, 283-382, 721-766

#### Week 11

Berenson Ch. 14

M Apr 8 Cold War

W Apr 10 Welfare States

#### Week 12

(Begin reading de Beauvoir; view *The Lives of Others* (2006) before Apr. 24)

M Apr 15 Decolonization

W Apr 17 Immigration

#### Week 13

Berenson Ch. 15

View *The Lives of Others* (2006) before class on Weds.

M Apr 22 1968

T Apr 23 Film screening, KJCC, 7.30-10pm (optional)

W Apr 24 1989

#### Week 14

Berenson, Epilogue

M Apr 29 Brexit

W May 1 Review (w. Prof. S. Dorobantu, on eastern Europe before and after 1989)

#### Week 15

M May 6 Exam 3