

## **Field of Modern European History, from the Enlightenment to the present**

The following list of topics and titles is designed to help graduate students at all levels to prepare for preliminary examinations by letting them know what their mentors regard as essential to the mastering of the field. Such a list cannot be fixed for all time: the field grows and changes, new works appear, older ones outlive their usefulness, and historians continuously revise their questions and approaches. Nevertheless, students are encouraged to use the following updated titles to formulate their own reading list (in consultation with the instructors in the European field) and organize their thinking according to the topics listed below.

### **Evaluation of examinations:**

Examiners will award pass, fail, and pass with distinction on the following basis:

- 1) ability to analyze topic questions
- 2) skill in conceptualizing an answer to a given topic, that is, determining what is essential for the writing of a clearly structured essay that deals with the essentials
- 3) evidence of mastery of sufficient data with which to support the essay's argument, Including
  - a) basic knowledge of dates, places, personalities, and events of modern European history
  - b) familiarity with major positions on key issues of historical interpretation

### **List of Topics and Readings**

#### **1. Definitions and Boundaries of Europe**

Larry Wolff, *Inventing Eastern Europe: The Map of Civilization and the Mind of the Enlightenment* (1994)

Ezequiel Adamovsky, "Euro-Orientalism and the Making of the Concept of Eastern Europe in France, 1810-1880," *Journal of Modern History* 77, no. 3 (September 2005): 591-628

Celia Applegate, "A Europe of Regions: Reflections on the Historiography of Sub-National Places in Modern Times," *American Historical Review* 104 (Oct. 1999): 1157-82

Kathryn Ciancia, "Borderland Modernities: Poles, Jews, and Urban Spaces in Interwar Eastern Poland," *Journal of Modern History* 89 (September 2017): 531-61  
Robert Brenner, "Economic Backwardness in Eastern Europe in Light of Developments in the West," in *Origins of Backwardness in Eastern Europe*, ed. Daniel Chirot (1989), pp. 15-52  
Maria Todorova, *Imagining the Balkans* (1997)  
Nelson Moe, *View from Vesuvius: Italian Culture and the Southern Question* (2002)

## **2. The Enlightenment**

Dorinda Outram, *The Enlightenment* (Cambridge, revised ed., 2019)  
Robert Darnton, *The Great Cat Massacre and Other Episodes in French Cultural History* (Basic Books, 2009, orig. 1984)  
James Van Horn Melton, *The Rise of the Public in Enlightenment Europe* (Cambridge, 2011)  
Darrin McMahon, *Enemies of the Enlightenment: the French Counter-Enlightenment and the Making of Modernity* (Oxford, 2002)  
Emma Rothschild, *Economic Sentiments: Adam Smith, Condorcet and the Enlightenment* (Harvard, 2002)  
Lynn Hunt, *Inventing Human Rights: A History* (Norton, 2008)

### **A. Legacies and Theories**

Max Horkheimer and Theodor Adorno, *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (Stanford, 2007, orig. 1947)  
Jurgen Habermas, *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere: An Inquiry into a Category of Bourgeois Society* (MIT Press, 1991, orig. 1962)  
Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison* (Vintage, 1995, orig. 1977)

## **3. The French Revolution and Napoleon**

### **A. From Marxism to Intellectual and Cultural History**

Keith Baker, *Inventing the French Revolution* (Cambridge, 1990)  
François Furet, *Interpreting the French Revolution* (Cambridge, 1997)  
Lynn Hunt, *Politics, Culture, and Class in the French Revolution* (California, 1984, 2004)  
Timothy Tackett, *Becoming a Revolutionary: The Deputies of the National Assembly and the Emergence of a Revolutionary Culture (1789-1790)* (Pennsylvania State, 2006)  
Suzanne Desan, *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France* (California, 2006)  
David P. Jordan, *Revolutionary Career of Maximilien Robespierre* (Chicago, 1985)  
Rafe Blaufarb, *The Great Demarcation: The French Revolution and the Invention of Modern Property* (Oxford, 2016)  
Ronen Steinberg, *The Afterlives of Terror* (2019)

Owen Connolly, *The Wars of the French Revolution and Napoleon, 1792-1815* (Routledge, 2012)

### **B. *Globalizing the French Revolution***

Jeremy Popkin's *You Are All Free: The Haitian Revolution and the Abolition of Slavery* (Cambridge, 2010)

Laurent Dubois, *Avengers of the New World* (2005)

Susanne Desan, Lynn Hunt, and William Max Nelson, eds. *The French Revolution in Global Perspective* (Cornell, 2013)

Ian Coller, *Muslims and Citizens: Islam, Politics, and the French Revolution* (Yale, 2020)

Junko Takeda, *Iran and a French Empire of Trade: The Other Persian Letters* (Oxford, 2020)

## **4. Nationalism and State Formation**

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism* (Verso, 2016, orig. 1983)

E. J. Hobsbawm and Terence Ranger, eds. *The Invention of Tradition*, 20<sup>th</sup> edition (Cambridge, 2012)

Geoff Eley and Ronald Grigor Suny, eds. *Becoming National: A Reader* (Oxford, 1996)

Partha Chatterjee *The Nation and its Fragments: Colonial and Postcolonial histories* (Princeton, 1993)

Caspar Hirschi, *The Origins of Nationalism: An Alternative History from Ancient Rome to Early Modern Germany* (Cambridge, 2012)

Rogers Brubaker, *Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe* (Cambridge, 1996)

Rogers Brubaker and Frederick Cooper, "Beyond Identity," *Theory and Society* 29 (2000): 1-47

Tara Zahra, "Imagined Noncommunities: National Indifference as a Category of Analysis," *Slavic Review* 69, no. 1 (2020): 93-119

Richard McMahon, ed. *National Races: Transnational Power Struggles in the Sciences and Politics of Human Diversity, 1840-1945* (Nebraska, 2019)

Eugen Weber, *Peasants into Frenchmen* (Stanford, 1976)

Peter Sahlins, *Boundaries: The Making of France and Spain in the Pyrenees* (California, 1991)

David Bell, *The Cult of the Nation in France: Inventing Nationalism, 1680-1800* (Harvard, 2001)

Brian Porter, *When Nationalism Began to Hate: Imagining Modern Politics in Nineteenth Century Poland* (Oxford, 2002)

Edin Hajdarasic, *Whose Bosnia? Nationalism and Political Imagination in the Balkans, 1840-1914* (Cornell, 2015)

Max Bergholz, "Sudden Nationhood: The Microdynamics of Intercommunal Relations in Bosnia-Herzegovina after World War II," *AHR* (June 2013): 679-707

## 5. History of Science

- Londa Schiebinger, *The Mind Has No Sex? Women in the Origins of Modern Science* (Harvard 1991)
- Roy MacLeod, *The “Creed of Science” in Victorian England* (Variorum, 2000)
- David Wootton, *The Invention of Science: A New History of the Scientific Revolution* (Harper, 2015)
- Vaclav Smil, *Creating the Twentieth Century: Technical Innovation of 1867-1914 and Their Lasting Impact* (Oxford, 2005)
- Vaclav Smil, *Transforming the Twentieth Century: Technical Innovations and their Consequences* (Oxford, 2006)

## 6. The Industrial Revolution

- E.P. Thompson, *The Making of the English Working Class* (New York, 1966)
- Maxine Berg, “What Difference Did Women’s Work Make to the Industrial Revolution?” *History Workshop* 35 (1993): 22-44
- E.A. Wrigley, *Continuity, Chance, and Change: The Character of the Industrial Revolution in England* (Cambridge, 1988)
- Jan De Vries, “The Industrial Revolution and the Industrious Revolution,” *Journal of Economic History* 54, no. 2 (1994): 249-70
- Kenneth Pomeranz, *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy* (Princeton, 2001)
- Leonore Davidoff and Katherine Hall, *Family Fortunes: Men and Women of the English Middle Class, 1780-1850* (Routledge, 2003)
- Joel Mokyr, *The Enlightened Economy: An Economic History of Britain 1700-1850* (Penguin/Yale, 2010)
- Sven Beckert, *Empire of Cotton: A Global History* (Vintage, 2014)
- Priya Satia, *Empire of Guns: The Violent Making of the Industrial Revolution* (Penguin, 2018)

## 7. Movements of Empowerment and Liberation

- Holly Case, *The Age of Questions* (Princeton, 2018)
- Jonathan Sperber, *The European Revolutions, 1848-1851*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Cambridge, 2005)
- Miles Taylor, “The 1848 Revolutions and the British Empire,” *Past & Present* 166, no. 1 (2000)
- Margaret Anderson, *Practicing Democracy: Elections and Political Culture in Imperial Germany* (Princeton, 2000)
- Sarah Maza, *The Myth of the French Bourgeoisie: An Essay on the Social Imaginary, 1750-1850* (Harvard, 2003)
- David Runciman, *The Confidence Trap: A History of Democracy in Crisis from World War I to the Present* (Princeton, 2017)

## 8. Women and Gender Identities

- Joan W. Scott, "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis," *American Historical Review* 91 no. 5 (December 1986): 1053-1075
- Joan W. Scott, *Only Paradoxes to Offer: French Feminists and the Rights of Man* (Harvard, 1996)
- Judith Walkowitz, *City of Dreadful Delight: Narratives of Sexual Danger in Victorian London* (1992)
- Lisa Tiersten, *Marianne in the Market: Envisioning Consumer Society in Fin-de-Siècle* (2001)
- Mary Louise Roberts, *Disruptive Acts: The New Woman in Fin-de-Siècle France* (Chicago, 2002)
- Rachel Fuchs, *Gender and Poverty in Nineteenth Century Europe* (Cambridge, 2005)
- Keely Stauter-Halsted, *The Devil's Chain: Prostitution and Social Control in Partitioned Poland* (Cornell, 2015)
- Deborah Cohen, *Family Secrets: Shame and Privacy in Modern Britain* (Oxford, 2017)
- Rachel Mesch, *Before Trans: Three Gender Stories from Nineteenth Century France* (Stanford, 2020)

## 9. The Age (and the End) of Empire

- Eric Hobsbawm, *The Age of Empire, 1875-1914* (Pantheon, 1987)
- Michael Adas, *Machines as the Measure of Man: Science, Technology, and the Ideologies of Western Dominance* (Cornell, 1989)
- Cooper and Stoler, eds. *Tensions of Empire: Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World* (California, 1997)
- Krishan Kumar, *Visions of Empire. How Five Imperial Regimes Shaped the World* (Princeton, 2007)
- Christof Dejung, David Motadel, and Jurgen Osterhammel, eds. *The Global Bourgeoisie: The Rise of the Middle Classes in the Age of Empire* (Princeton, 2019)
- Durba Ghosh, "Another Set of Imperial Turns," *AHR* (June 2012): 772-793
- Maya Jasanoff, "Collectors of Empire: Objects, Conquests and Imperial Self-Fashioning," *Past & Present* 184 (August 2004): 109-135
- Krystyna von Henneberg, "Monuments, Public Space, and the Memory of Empire in Modern Italy," *History and Memory* 16, no.1 (Spring/Summer 2004): 37-85
- Pieter Judson, *The Habsburg Empire. A New History* (Harvard UP, 2016)
- Marie Janine-Calic, *The Great Cauldron: A History of Southeastern Europe* (Harvard, 2019)
- Ronald Suny, *They Can Live in the Desert but Nowhere Else. A History of the Armenian Genocide* (Princeton, 2015)
- Aiden Forth, *Barbed Wire Imperialism: Britain's Empire of Camps, 1876-1903* (2017)
- Roberta Pergher, *Mussolini's Nation-Empire: Sovereignty and Settlement in Italy's Borderlands, 1922-1943* (Cambridge, 2019)
- Douglas Northrop, *Veiled Empire: Gender and Power in Stalinist Central Asia* (Cornell, 2004)

### **A. Ideologies of Empire**

- Edward Said, *Orientalism* (New York, 1978)
- Uday Singh Mehta, *Liberalism and Empire: A Study in Nineteenth-Century British Liberal Thought* (Chicago, 1999)
- Jennifer Pitts, *A Turn to Empire: The Rise of Imperial Liberalism in Britain and France* (Princeton, 2005)
- Alice Conklin, *A Mission to Civilize: The Republican Idea of Empire in France and West Africa* (Stanford, 1997)
- Nicholas Dirks, *The Scandal of Empire: India and the Creation of Imperial Britain* (Harvard, 2006)
- Dipesh Chakrabarty, *Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference* (Princeton, 2007)
- Karuna Mantena, *Alibis of Empire: Henry Maine and the Ends of Liberal Imperialism* (Princeton, 2010)

### **10. World War I: Origins, Consequences, Interpretations**

- Jorn Leonhard, *Pandora's Box: A History of the First World War* (Harvard, 2020)
- Robert Gerwarth, *The Vanquished: Why the First World War Failed to End* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017)
- John Horne, "End of a Paradigm? The Cultural History of the Great War," *Past and Present* (February 2019)
- Annika Mombauer, "Guilt or Responsibility? The Hundred Year Debate on the Origins of World War I," *Central European History* 48, no. 4 (2015)
- Sean McMeekin, *The Ottoman Endgame: War, Revolution, and the Making of the Modern Middle East, 1908-1923* (Penguin, 2016)
- Paul Fussell, *The Great War and Modern Memory* (Oxford, 1975)
- Jay Winter, *Sites of Memory, Sites of Mourning: The Great War in European Cultural History* (Cambridge, 2005)
- Maria Bucur, *Heroes and Victims: Remembering World Wars in Twentieth Century Romania* (Indiana, 2009)
- Peter Gatrell, *Whole Empire Walking: Refugees in Russia During World War I* (1999)
- Maureen Healy, *Vienna and the Fall of the Habsburg Empire: Total War and Everyday Life in World War I* (Cambridge, 2007)

### **11. The Russian Revolution and Its Aftermath**

- Richard Pipes, *A Concise History of the Russian Revolution* (Vintage/Random House, 1996)
- Sheila Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution* (revised ed. Oxford, 2017)
- Orlando Figes and Boris Kolonitskii, *Interpreting the Russian Revolution, The Language and Symbols of 1917* (Yale, 1999)
- Peter Holquist, *Making War, Forging Revolution: Russia's Continuum of Crisis, 1914-1921* (Harvard, 2002)
- Joshua Sanborn *Drafting the Russian Nation: Military Conscription, Total War, and*

*Mass Politics, 1905-1925* (Northern Illinois, 2002)  
Stephen Kotkin, *Magnetic Mountain: Stalinism as a Civilization* (California, 1997)

## **12. Fascist Movements and the Eclipse of Democracy**

Umberto Eco, "Ur-Fascism," *The New York Review of Books*, June 22, 1995  
Hannah Arendt, *The Origins of Totalitarianism* (New York, 1973)  
Arnd Bauerkämper and Grzegorz Rossoliński-Liebe, eds. *Fascism without Borders: Transnational Connections and Cooperation between Movements and Regimes in Europe from 1918 to 1945* (Berghahn Books, 2017)  
Victoria de Grazia, *How Fascism Ruled Women: Italy, 1922-1945* (California, 1992)  
Eric Weitz, *Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy* (Princeton, 2007)  
Hugh Thomas, *The Spanish Civil War* (Modern Library, 2001)  
Robert Paxton, *The Anatomy of Fascism* (Vintage, 2005)  
Richard J. Evans, *The Third Reich Trilogy* (Penguin, 2008)  
Michael Geyer and Sheila Fitzpatrick, eds. *Beyond Totalitarianism: Stalinism and Nazism Compared* (Cambridge, 2008).

## **13. World War II and the Holocaust**

Gerhard Weinberg, *A World at Arms: A Global History of World War II* (Cambridge, 1994)  
Richard Overy, *Origins of the Second World War*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Pearson/Longman, 2008)  
Peter Frizsche, *Life and Death in the Third Reich* (Cambridge, MA, 2008)  
Lizzie Collingham, *The Taste of War: World War II and the Battle for Food* (Penguin, 2012)  
Thomas Kuhne, *Belonging and Genocide: Hitler's Community, 1918-1945* (Cambridge, 2012)  
Timothy Snyder, *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin* (Basic Books, 2012)  
Istvan Deak, *Europe on Trial: The Story of Collaboration, Resistance, and Retribution during World War II* (Westview Press, 2015)  
Peter Hayes, *Why? Explaining the Holocaust* (Norton, 2017)  
Omer Bartov, *Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz* (Simon and Schuster, 2018)

## **14. Interwar and Postwar Internationalism**

Mark Mazower, *Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century* (Vintage, 2000)  
Susan Pedersen, *The Guardians: The League of Nations and the Crisis of Empire* (Oxford, 2017)  
Sam Moyn, *The Last Utopia* (Harvard, 2012) and *Not Enough: Human Rights in an Unequal World* (Harvard, 2019)  
Adam Tooze, *The Deluge: The Great War, America, and the Remaking of the Global Order* (Penguin, 2015)  
Eric Weitz, "From the Vienna to the Paris System: International Politics and the

- Entangled Histories of Human Rights, Forced Deportations, and Civilizing Missions,” *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 113, no. 5, p. 1313 (December 2008)
- Eriz Weitz, *A World Divided: The Global Struggle for Human Rights in the Age of Nation-States* (Princeton, 2019)
- Francine Hirsch, *Soviet Judgment at Nuremberg: A New History of the International Military Tribunal After World War II* (Oxford, 2020)

## 15. New Perspectives on the Cold War

- Tony Judt, *Postwar: A History of Europe since 1945* (Penguin, 2005)
- Ben Shephard, *The Long Road Home: The Aftermath of the Second World War* (Anchor, 2012)
- Martin McCauley, *The Origins of the Cold War 1941-1949* (Longman/Pearson, 2003)
- Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times* (Cambridge, 2007)
- Victoria de Grazia, *Irresistible Empire: America’s Advance through Twentieth Century Europe* (Harvard, 2005)
- Paulina Bren and Mary Neuburger, eds. *Communism Unwrapped: Consumption in Cold War Eastern Europe* (Cornell, 2012)
- Eleonory Gilburd, *To See Paris and Die: The Soviet Lives of Western Culture* (Harvard, 2018)

## 16. The Collapse of the Soviet Empire

- Timothy Garton Ash, *The Polish Revolution: Solidarity*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Yale, 2002, orig. 1983)
- Timothy Garton Ash, *In Europe’s Name: Germany and the Divided Continent, 1945-1990* (Random House, 1993)
- Andrzej Walicki, *Marxism and the Leap to the Kingdom of Freedom: The Rise and Fall of The Communist Utopia* (Stanford, 1995)
- Vladimir Tismaneanu, ed. *The Revolutions of 1989* (Routledge, 1999)
- Stephen Kotkin, *Armageddon Averted: The Soviet Collapse, 1970-2000* (Oxford, 2001)
- Padraic Kenney, *A Carnival of Revolution: Central Europe 1989* (Princeton, 2002)
- Alexei Yurchak, *Everything Was Forever, Until It Was No More: The Last Soviet Generation* (Princeton, 2005)
- Kacper Szulecki, *Dissidents in Communist Central Europe: Human Rights and the Emergence of New Transnational Actors* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019)
- Ferenc Laczó and Luka Lisjak Gabrijelčič, eds. *The Legacy of Division: East and West After 1989* (Central European University Press, 2019)

## 17. Challenges of Globalization

- Quinn Slobodian, *The Globalists: The End of Empire and the Birth of Neoliberalism* (Harvard, 2018)



Thomas Piketty, *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*, transl. Arthur Goldhammer  
(Harvard, 2017)

Philipp Ther, *Europe Since 1989: A History* (Princeton, 2018)

James Mark, Bogdan C. Iacob, Tobias Rupperecht, and Ljubica Spaskovska,  
*1989: A Global History of Eastern Europe* (Cambridge, 2019)