

history 201: New Perspectives in Global History

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DESCRIPTION

About the origins and development of the rift between the Global North and Global South since the fifteenth century, with a focus on how ordinary women and men of the Global South reorganized their lives to meet the challenges and opportunities offered by the following developments in the Global North: the crisis in European feudalism, rise of capitalism and the Industrial Revolution, and the “new” imperialism of the late nineteenth century. The final section of the course discusses the global impact of the Chinese and Russian Revolutions of the twentieth century.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Participants in this course will have the following obligations: 1) regular class attendance and participation in class discussions, 2) make at least one oral presentation; 3) Submit three reviews on **February 13** (The Atlantic Slave Trade: J. Inikori, “Africa and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade:” **March 7** (Wolf, *Europe and the People Without History*, chapters 3, 11), and **April 9** (Decolonization in Africa: Bill. Freund, *The Making of Contemporary Africa*, pp.191-233); 4) An essay of 10-15 typed pages, exploring a theme of one’s own choice; due **April 18**;

The three reviews count **35** percent; the essay **40** percent; and class attendance and participation **25** percent, of the final grade.

For the College’s Academic Honesty guidelines, which can be found at www.rochester.edu/college/honesty.

REQUIRED TEXTS

L.S. Stavrianos, *Global Rift: The Third World Comes of Age* (New York: William Morrow and Co., 1981); E.R. Wolf, *Europe and the People Without History* (Berkeley, University of California Press, 1997 [1982]).

COURSE SCHEDULE

Jan. 18: Objectives and Requirements

Jan. 23: The Global South: Unity and Diversity, Myth and Reality

Stavrianos, pp. 23-43.

PART I: CRISIS IN EUROPEAN FEUDALISM AND ITS WORLDWIDE CONSEQUENCES

Jan. 25: Nature of the Crisis

Wolf, ch. 4.

Jan 30: Eastern Europe Becomes the first Global South

Stavrianos, ch. 3.

Feb 1: The Conquest and Colonization of Latin America, I

Wolf, ch5

Feb 6: The Conquest and Colonization of Latin America, II

Video: "The Buried Mirror," Program 3 (The Age of Gold, 60 minutes)

Feb 8: The Atlantic Slave Trade, I

Wolf, ch. 7.

Feb 13: The Atlantic Slave Trade, II

J. Inikori, "Africa and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade," in Toyin Falola, ed., *Africa, Volume I: African History Before 1885* (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2000): 389-412.

PART II: CAPITALISM, NEW COLONIALISM AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT

Feb 15: The Rise of Capitalism & the Industrial Revolution

Wolf, chs. 9-10

Feb 20: Bourgeois Europe Conquers the World: The First Phase, 1815-1870

Stavrianos, chs. 9, 11.

Feb 22: Bourgeois Europe Conquers the World: The Second Phase, 1870-1914

Stavrianos, Ch. 13 (pp. 256-263 only); ch.14.

Feb 27: Emergence of a New Working Class

Wolf, ch. 12.

Feb 29: “Our” History is part of “Their” History

Movie: “Minimum Wages”

March 5: Peasants and the Production of Commodities, I

Wolf ch.3

March 7: Peasants and the Production of Commodities, II

Wolf, ch. 11.

March 12, 14: Spring Break

PART III: THE GLOBAL SOUTH STRUGGLES FOR AUTONOMY

March 19: World War I: Bourgeois Catastrophe, Bolshevik Revolution, I

Stavrianos, chs 16, 20.

March 21: World War I: Bourgeois Catastrophe, Bolshevik Revolution

Movie: “Ten Days that Shook the World.”

March 26: China Enters the Global South

Stavrianos, ch. 15, 22

March 28: China Breaks the Imperialist Chain, I

Stavrianos, ch. 15, 22

April 2: China Breaks the Imperialist Chain, II

Video: “China in Revolution, 1911-1949.”

April 4: World War II, Decolonization and the Cold War

Bill. Freund, *The Making of Contemporary Africa: The Development of African Society since 1800* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1984, pp.191-233).

April 9: National Liberation and Social Revolution: Cuba, I

Stavrianos, pp. 375-385.

April 11: National Liberation and Social Revolution: Cuba, II

Stavrianos, pp. 709-711, 741-755.

April 16: FRELIMO and Socialist Experiments in Mozambique

A. Isaacman and B. Isaacman, *Mozambique: From Colonialism to Revolution* (Boulder, Col.: Westview Press, 1983), pp. 27-60; 109-170 .

April 18: RENAMO and Counter-revolution in Mozambique

P. Nugent, *Africa since Independence: A Comparative History* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), 280-87.

April 23: Africa and China: Overview

Paul Zeleza, “The Africa-China Relationship: Challenges and Opportunities,” *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 48, 1 (2014): 145-169.

April 25: Chinese Aid, I

Brautigam, Deborah. *The Dragon’s Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa*. Oxford University Press, 2011. 131-188.

April 30: Chinese Aid, II

Brautigam, *The Dragon’s Gift*, 131-188.