

HISTORY OF MODERN GERMANY 1815-1990

This course will provide a survey of modern German history from 1815 to the unification of the two German states in 1990. It will focus on the main developments in political and social history during this period in Germany. The course will make students familiar both with the different political regimes that were established in the German lands and provide with a critical introduction to historiographical debates. A main aim of the course is to make students aware of the continuities and turning points in German history since the early 19th century.

PRELIMINARY READING

List of books etc.

- Berghahn, Volker R., *Modern Germany: society, economy, and politics in the twentieth century*, Cambridge; New York; Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 1987.
- Craig, Gordon A., *Germany, 1866-1945*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1978.
- Blackbourn, David, *History of Germany 1780-1918: The long nineteenth century*. 2nd ed., Oxford: Blackwell, 2003.
- Fulbrook, Mary and Breuilly, John, eds., *German History Since 1800*, New York/ London: Edward Arnold, 1997.
- Mommsen, Hans, *The rise and fall of Weimar democracy*, Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1996.
- Mommsen, Wolfgang J., *Imperial Germany 1867-1918: politics, culture, and society in an authoritarian state*, London; New York: Arnold, 1995.
- Nipperdey, Thomas, *Germany from Napoleon to Bismarck, 1800-1866* Dublin: Gill and Macmillan, 1996.
- Sheehan, James J., *German History, 1770-1866*. Oxford: Oxford UP, 1989.
- Wehler, Hans-Ulrich, *The German Empire 1871-1918* (translated Kim Traynor), Leamington Spa: Berg, 1985.

Title: History of Modern Germany, 1815-1990
Course Code: SEHIXXX
Course-unit value: 1.0

Availability:
Open to: 2nd and 3rd students

Course leader: N.N.
Other participants:

Aims:

The course aims are to enable students to

1. UNDERSTAND major debates in modern German history
2. COMPARE different efforts to explain the course of German history
3. STUDY the specialised historiography and selected primary sources in translation

Objectives:

By the end of the course, you will have

1. USED a variety of sources, e.g. original texts (in English translation), specialised secondary literature, and works of reference
 2. IMPROVED your ability to communicate ideas orally and in writing in a lucid and structured manner
 3. DEVELOPED the ability to critically evaluate academic literature on the subject
 4. ACQUIRED an advanced understanding of modern German history
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Teaching & Learning Methods:

Number of Hours:

Assessment:

Coursework:

2 essays of 2500 words each (25%)

Examination:

1 written exam paper, 3 hours (75%)

AFFILIATE STUDENTS:

First Semester only:

College regulations apply

Second Semester only:

College regulations apply