HISTORY AND HISTORIOGRAPHY OF 20th-CENTURY FRANCE AND THE FRENCH EMPIRE
AS. 100.744
Professor Todd Shepard

Tuesdays 11:00PM - 1:00PM

Requirements

Attendance and Discussion
Students are expected to attend all class meetings and to participate actively in discussion.

Oral Presentations and Bibliographies
Each class meeting will begin with a brief oral presentation by one or two students, who will also lead the discussion for the day. Those giving the presentations will be expected to do somewhat more reading than the other students on that day, and they should also prepare a short bibliography (1-2 pp.) on the topic for the week, which will be photocopied and distributed to each member of the class.

Readings
The following books have been placed on order at the Barnes and Noble University Bookcenter

Materials on e-reserves are marked with an asterisk (*)

Schedule of Classes

Week 1 (29 January) The Great War

Week 2 (5 February) Race in 20th-Century France, French imaginations, and the French Empire
Emmanuelle Saada, Children of Empire
*Benoît de L’Estoile, Le Goût des autres, Paris, Flammarion, 2007, Ch.1, p. 33-72
Week 3 (12 February) “The French Imperial Nation-State”

Week 4 (19 February) The French Far Right in the Interwar Period: Fascist?
*Sandrine Sanos, *The Aesthetics of Hate Far-Right Intellectuals, Antisemitism, and Gender in 1930s France* (Stanford University Press, 2012), 1-74; 194-258

Recommended:

Week 5 (26 February) Vichy
*Joan Tumblety *Remaking the male body: masculinity and the uses of physical culture in interwar and Vichy France* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012); 1-16; 167-190; 205-232

Week 6 (5 March) Vichy and Empire


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Week 8 (26 March) Post-war Reconstruction and French Modernization

*Gabrielle Hecht, "Rupture-talk in the Nuclear Age: Conjugating Colonial Power in Africa," *Social Studies of Science* 32:5-6 (October -December 2002): 691-728

**Week 9 (2 April) Decolonization**


*Frederick Cooper, "Reconstructing Empire in Post-War French and British Africa." Past and Present, 210, Supplement 6 (February 2011) on "Post-war Reconstruction in Europe," 196-210


**Week 10 (9 April) Decolonization and Violence**


**Week 11 (16 April) May ’68**

More TBA

*Kristin Ross, “Establishing Consensus: May ’68 in France as Seen from the 1980s,” *Critical Inquiry* 28: No. 3 (Spring 2002), pp. 650-676


*Julian Bourg, From Revolution to Ethics: May 1968 and Contemporary French Thought* (2007), 1-42

**RECOMMENDED**


**Week 12 (23 April) New Crises in late-Twentieth-Century France: Sexual Revolution and Immigration**

**Week 13 (30 April) Fin-de-Siècle France**