

**History 3920 – Dr. Walter A. McDougall – [wamcd@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:wamcd@sas.upenn.edu)**

**Fall 2022**

**Lectures: Tu-Th 10:15 – 11:45 in 111 Annenberg**

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## **EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC HISTORY 1789 -- 1914**

Tues 30 Aug.: Course Details and Geography Lesson

Thur 1 Sep.: Introduction: the Problem of Sovereignty

Tues 6 Sep.: The Great Powers in the Age of Enlightenment

Thur 8 Sep.: Breakdown of the Old Regime 1740-1789

Reading: Canvas #1-2 (Kissinger & Howard).

Tues 13 Sep.: World Turned Upside Down: the French Revolution 1789-1799

Thur 15 Sep.: The Greatest Career: Napoleon's Bid for Hegemony 1799-1812

Reading: Breunig & Levinger, chap. 1; Canvas #3 (Howard).

Tues 20 Sep.: Europe's War of Liberation and the Congress of Vienna 1812-1815

Thur 22 Sep.: Conservative Idealism: Congress Diplomacy 1815-1822

Reading: Breunig & Levinger, chap. 2; Canvas #5 (Markham).

Tues 27 Sep.: Conservative Pragmatism: Concert Diplomacy 1823-1839

Thur 29 Sep.: The Ottoman Empire and Rise of the Eastern Question 1822-1841

Reading: Breunig & Levinger, chap. 4.

Tues 4 Oct.: The Victorian/Metternichian Peace: Some Sources of Stability After 1815

Thur 6 Oct.: **NO CLASS: FALL BREAK**

Reading: Breunig & Levinger, chap. 5; Canvas #7 (Hinsley).

Tues 11 Oct.: Wildfire! Nationalist Revolutions and Reactions 1848-1852

Thur 13 Oct.: Collapse of the Concert: the Crimean War 1853-1856

Reading: Breunig & Levinger, chaps. 3 & 6; Canvas #8 (Taylor on Crimea).

Tues 18 Oct.: Realpolitik I: Camillo di Cavour and the Unification of Italy 1857-1861\*\*

Thur 20 Oct.: Realpolitik II: Otto von Bismarck and the Austro-Prussian War 1862-1866

Reading: Rich, chaps. 3 & 4; Canvas #10 (Howard).

**\*\*FIRST ESSAY DUE**

Tues 25 Oct.: Realpolitik III: The Franco-Prussian War and Unification of Germany 1867-1871

Thur 27 Oct.: Quest for Stability: Bismarck's Alliance System 1871-1882

Reading: Rich, chaps. 5 & 6; Canvas #11 (Kissinger).

Tues 1 Nov.: Economic and Ideological Roots of the "New Imperialism" 1871-1890

Thur 3 Nov.: Diplomatic and Technological Roots of the "New Imperialism" 1871-1890

Reading: Rich, chap. 7; Canvas #12 (Taylor on Bismarck).

Tues 8 Nov.: Bismarck's Last Hurrah: the Eastern Question Again 1885-1890  
Thur 10 Nov.: Kaiser Wilhelm II's "New Course" and the Franco-Russian Alliance 1891-1894  
Reading: Rich, chap. 8; Canvas #13-15 (Kennedy, Craig, & Lenin)

Tues 15 Nov.: While the Balkans Were "On Ice": Scramble for Concessions in China 1895-1901  
Thur 17 Nov.: The Boer War Ends Britain's "Splendid Isolation" 1898-1904  
Reading: Canvas #16 & 21 (Howard & Kennedy).

Tues 22 Nov.: Turning Point: the Russo-Japanese War and Triple Entente 1904-1907  
Thur 24 Nov.: **NO CLASS: THANKSGIVING DAY**  
Reading: Canvas #17 & 18 (Remak & Schroeder)).

Tues 29 Nov.: Crossed Swords: Russia Turns Back to the Balkans 1908-1914 \*\*  
Thur 1 Dec.: The Sarajevo Crisis and War of Illusions 1914      **\*\*SECOND ESSAY DUE**  
Reading: Canvas #19 (Trachtenberg)

Tues 6 Dec.: The End of Peace: Systemic Origins of the Great War  
Thur 8 Dec.: Voluntary Review Session  
Reading: Canvas #20 (Ferguson)

## **FINAL EXAMINATION: TBA**

**REQUIRED PURCHASES** -- Penn Bookstore (Barnes & Noble), 3601 Walnut Street

Charles Breunig & Matthew Levinger, *The Revolutionary Era, 1789-1850* (Norton)  
Norman Rich, *The Age of Nationalism and Reform, 1850-1890* (Norton)

## **REQUIRED READING ON CANVAS WEBSITE**

Item # 1: Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy*, pp 56-77 (Balance of Power to 1814)  
Item # 2: Michael Howard, *War and the Liberal Conscience*, pp 13-30 (before 1789)  
Item # 3: Michael Howard, *War in European History*, pp 75-93 (French Revolutionary era)  
Item # 4: Ludwig Dehio, *The Precarious Balance*, pp 132-80 (French Revolutionary era)  
Item # 5 : Felix Markham, *Napoleon*, pp. 255-68 (Napoleonic Legend)  
Item # 6: Henry Kissinger, *A World Restored*, pp 7-40 (Metternich and Castlereagh)  
Item # 7: F.H. Hinsley, "The Concert of Europe," in Lawrence Martin, ed., *Diplomacy*, pp 42-57.  
Item # 8: A.J.P. Taylor, *From Napoleon to Lenin*, pp 60-70 (Crimean War)  
Item # 9: Mack Walker, ed., *Plombières: Secret Diplomacy and the Rebirth of Italy*, pp 3-37  
Item # 10: Michael Howard, *War and the Liberal Conscience*, pp 31-51 (1789-1870)  
Item # 11: Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy*, pp 103-36 (Realpolitik after 1848)  
Item # 12: A.J.P. Taylor, *From Napoleon to Lenin*, pp 82-102 (Bismarck)  
Item # 13: Paul Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, pp 143-77 (Industrialization)  
Item # 14: Gordon Craig, *Force and Statecraft*, pp 255-68 (Gladstone and Bismarck)  
Item # 15: Harrison Wright, ed., *The New Imperialism*, pp vii-xxii, 44-59 (Theories & Lenin)  
Item # 16: Michael Howard, *War and the Liberal Conscience*, pp 52-72 (1870-1914)  
Item # 17: Joachim Remak in Dwight Lee, ed., *Outbreak of First World War*, pp 134-47  
Item # 18: Paul Schroeder in *ibid.*, pp 148-69 (Rebuttal to Remak)  
Item # 19: Marc Trachtenberg, *History and Strategy*, pp 47-99 (War Guilt 1914)  
Item # 20: Niall Ferguson, *The Pity of War*, pp 143-73 (The Last Days of Mankind)  
Item # 21: Paul Kennedy, *Strategy and Diplomacy*, pp 129-60 (Anglo-German Naval Race)