

PROVISIONAL

HISTORY 430
THE RISE AND FALL OF THE THIRD REICH
Fall 2006

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Week 1: Sept. 6

German Political Culture

Reading:

T. Childers, **The Nazi Voter**, Introduction and Chapter I

Week 2: Sept. 11-13

The Origins of National Socialism

Reading: A. Hitler, *Mein Kampf*; "Guidelines of the German Workers' Party" and "Program of the NSDAP," all in course reader

Week 3: Sept 18-20

The Problems of Weimar Democracy and the Rise of National Socialism

Reading:

Childers, **The Nazi Voter**, Chapter II-III

Week 4: Sept. 25-27

Reading: Childers, **The Nazi Voter**, Chapter IV-Conclusion; J.Goebbels, **My Part in Germany's Fight**; T.Childers, "The Limits of National Socialist Mobilization," in course reader

Week 5: Oct. 2-4

The Appeal of National Socialism

Reading: W.S.Allen, **The Nazi Seizure of Power**, Part I

Week 6: Oct. 9-11

The Collapse of the Weimar Republic

Reading: W.S.Allen, **The Nazi Seizure of Power**, Part II

Week 7: Oct. 16
The Last Days of Weimar

Oct. 18-**MID-TERM EXAM**

Week 8: Oct.25,
Gleichschaltung

Week 9: Oct.30-Nov.1
The New Order
Reading: H.Arendt, **Totalitarianism**, Chapters 3-4

Week 10: Nov.6-8
Intentionalism, Functionalism and Beyond: Interpreting the Nazi regime
Reading: T.Mason, "Intentionalism and Explanation;" I. Kershaw, **The Nazi Dictatorship**; and I.Kershaw, **The Hitler Myth**, all in course reader

Week 11: Nov. 13-15
Ideology as Policy: Race
M. Burleigh and W.Wippermann, **The Racial State**, Chapters 3-6; J. Noakes and G. Pridham, "Anti-Semitism 1933-1939" in course reader

Week 12: Nov. 20-22
Dissent, Control, and Everyday Life in the Third Reich
Reading: D.Peukert, **Inside Nazi Germany**, Chapters 3-8; Marion Kaplan, **Between Dignity and Despair. Jewish Life in Nazi Germany**, Chapters 1-5; V. Klemperer, **I Will Bear Witness**; "I. Kershaw, "Reactions to the Persecution of the Jews," and O.D.Kulka, "'Public Opinion' in Nazi Germany and the Jewish Question," in course reader

Week 13: Nov. 27-29
Hitler's War
Reading: E. Jaeckel, "The Outlines of Foreign Policy," and E. Jaeckel, "The Elimination of the Jews;" L. Dawidowicz, **The War Against the Jews**; H. Mommsen, "The Realization of the Unthinkable," and J.Noakes and J.Pridham, pp.680-689; 1049-1085, all in course reader

Week 14: Dec.4-6
Holocaust
Reading: C. Browning, "Beyond 'Intentionalism' and 'Functionalism'"; D. Peukert, "The Genesis of the 'Final Solution' from the Spirit of Science;" J.Noakes and J.Pridham, "The Transition to the Systematic Extermination of the Jews 1941-42," all in course reader. P.Levi, **Survival in Auschwitz**

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance and participation in section

In-class mid-term exam (Oct. 18)

5-page paper on selected topics (Dec.4)

Final exam during exam period

Each component constitutes 25% of your final grade

Course reader is available at Campus Copy Center

Books you wish to purchase, available at Penn Book Center

William Sheridan Allen, *The Nazi Seizure of Power*

Hannah Arendt, *Totalitarianism*

Michael Burleigh and Wolfgang Wipperman, *The Racial State*

Thomas Childers, *The Nazi Voter*

Marion Kaplan, *Between Dignity and Despair. Jewish Life in Nazi Germany*

Primo Levi, *Survival in Auschwitz*

Detlev J.K. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany*

