History 162 A  
Summer 2013  
Session A  
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OH Thursday: 12:00-2:00, 2315 Dwinelle, and by appointment

Course Description:
This upper division course surveys the rise and fall of the European Powers in the period of war and revolution preceding the downfall of Napoleon to the outbreak of World War I. Major Topics: Religious Wars and the 18th century States System, (1648-1789); French Revolution (1789-1799); Napoleonic Europe (1799-1814); Congress of Vienna (1814-1815); the Vienna System (1815-48); the Revolutions of 1848; Crimean War (1853-56); War of Italian unification waged by Cavour and Garibaldi (1859-61); the Wars of German unification waged by Bismarck (1864-71); the Bismarckian System in operation, (1871-90); Imperialism (1890 1907); the crises that led to the First World War (1904-1914). The course will contrast two periods, 1648-1815, and 1815-1914. It will argue that the first period was one of violence, rapaciousness, and unparalleled lawlessness; the second, one of peace and stability. It will, with reference to the later period, therefore seek to explain peace as much as it explains war. Peace is artificial and demands more explanation. Wars sometimes just happen; peace is always caused. Moreover, understanding why the period following the destruction of Napoleon in 1815 was more peaceful than any predecessor in European history helps explain why it ended in a war greater than any before. The explanation of this remarkable record and its disastrous end is the course's overriding theme.

Assignments:  
Midterm- 25 % of course grade (13 June)  
Short Paper— 25 % of course grade (20 June)  
Final- 50 % of course grade (3 July)

Books

Giuseppe di Lampedusa, The Leopard (many editions)  

David Wetzel, A Duel of Nations (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 2012)  

Ivo Andrić, Bridge on the Drina (many editions)  

Course Reader, available at 2560 Bancroft
The Reader will consist of source material on the Thirty Years War, the Wars of the French Revolution, Napoleon, the Crimean War, the Wars of Italian and German Unification, Imperialism, WWI, WWII, and the Cold War.

**Class schedule**

*French Revolution and Napoleon*

Week 1, 28-30 May

18th Century System
Reading: Reader (hereafter cited as “R”), 3-33

Wars of the French Revolution
Reading: R, 34-49

Napoleon
Reading: R, 50-75

*The Wars of mid-century Europe*

Week 2, 4-6 June

The Crimean War
Reading: Rich, 101-122

Wars of Italian Unification
Reading: Rich, 122-46, Leopard (entire)

Wars of German Unification-I
Reading: Rich, 184-217

*Halftime*

Week 3, 11-13 June

Wars of German Unification-2
Reading: Wetzel (entire)

Impact of German Unification
Reading: R, 129-47, 172-82, 184-97
13 June: Midterm- 25 % of course grade
*Bismarckian, post-Bismarckian Europe*

Week 4, 18-20 June

Balkan Crises
Reading: Rich, ch. 12

Bismarck’s Alliances
Reading Rich, 13

Franco-Russian Alliance
Reading: Rich, 14

20 June: Paper Due – 25 % of course grade
*Imperialism, Origins of World War 1*

Week 5, 25-27 June

Wars of Imperialism
Reading: Rich, 15

Making of the Triple Entente-1
Reading: Rich, 16 (first half)

Making of the Triple Entente-2
Reading: Rich 16 (second half)

*The Crisis of July 1914*

Week 6, 2-3 July

From Sarajevo to Outbreak of War
Reading: Rich 17, *Bridge on the Drina* (entire)

3 July: Final- 50 % of course grade