**280 After Empire Fall 2018**

**Wednesday 2-4pm, 2303 Dwinelle**

In Postwar (2005) Tony Judt sought to understand the history of Europe after 1945, and the brief life of its social democracies, as primarily shaped by the experience of World War Two. In contrast, this class will ask how far the history of Euro-America’s neoliberal present, even in its increasingly nativist and populist forms, was shaped by decolonization. Apart from examining the end of European empires during the Cold War we will also explore what role decolonization had on the various revolts of 1968 and the counter-revolutions they spawned, as well as their influence on the formation of what we now refer to as neoliberalism. Chronologically the class will stretch from the 1940s through to 2008 and its aftermath, while geographically it will work outwards from (predominantly western) Europe and the United States.

Each week students will be expected to provide brief responses to the readings on bcourses and to participate in class discussion. The final assignment could take one of several forms:- a syllabus that outlines how you would teach the history of post-1945; a 3,000 word op-ed on how some element of Europe’s postwar history shapes its present; a podcast or blog interview with a historian engaged in an area of research or debate that engages you; a review of a recent work that you could submit to a journal; a 5,000 word historiographical review (with abstract) that you could publish; or some other exercise that you would find helpful.

**22 August Introduction**

**29 August Postwar**

Tony Judt, Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945 (2006)

**5 September Decolonization**

J.Jansen, J.Osterhammel, J.Riemer, Decolonization: A Short History (2013).

**12 September Off-shoring Imperial Economies**

Timothy Mitchell, Carbon Democracies: Political Power in the Age of Oil (2013)

Vanessa Ogle, “[Archipelago Capitalism: Tax Havens, Offshore Money, and the State, 1950s–1970s](https://academic.oup.com/ahr/article/114/1/45/43869)” American Historical Review, 122, 5 (2017), 1431–1458.

**19 September The Great Acceleration**

J.R.McNeill and Peter Engelke, The Great Acceleration: An Environmental History of the Anthropocene since 1945 (2014)

**26 September Europe after Empires**

Giuliano Garavini, After Empires: European Integration, Decolonization and the Challenge from the Global South 1957-1986 (2012)

**3 October Empires Come Home**

Jordanna Bailkin, Afterlife of Empire (2012), intro and ch.5

Rita Chinn, The Crisis of Multiculturalism in Europe: A History (2017), intro and chs.1-3

**10 October What, when and where was 1968?**

Kristin Ross, May ’68 and its Afterlives (2002)

Jeremi Suri, “[The Rise and Fall of an International Counterculture, 1960-1975](https://academic.oup.com/ahr/article/114/1/45/43869),” American Historical Review, 114, 1 (2009): 45-68

Arif Dirlik, “The Third World in 1968” in Carole Fink et al, (eds.), 1968: The World Transformed (1998), 295-318

**17 October Feminisms**

Ryan Patrick Murphy, Deregulating Desire: Flight Attendant Activism, Family Politics and Workplace Justice (Temple University Press, 2016).

Nancy Fraser, “[Feminism, Capitalism, and the Cunning of History](https://newleftreview.org/II/56/nancy-fraser-feminism-capitalism-and-the-cunning-of-history),” New Left Review,56 (2009).

Janet Newman “[Spaces of Power: Feminism, Neoliberalism and Gendered Labor](https://academic.oup.com/sp/article-abstract/20/2/200/1669980)” Social Politics, 20, 2 (2013): 200–221.

**24 October No Class**

**31 October Counter-Revolutions**

Stuart Hall et al. Policing the Crisis: Mugging, the State and Law and Order (2nd edn., 2013), intro on bcourses

Melinda Cooper, Family Values: Between Neoliberalism and Neoconservatism (2017)

**7 November Neoliberal Thought Collectives**

Quinn Slobodian, Globalists: The End of Empire and the Birth of Neoliberalism (2018)

Daniel Stedman Jones, Masters of the Universe: Hayek, Friedman, and the Birth of Neoliberal Politics (Princeton, 2012), [intro](http://assets.press.princeton.edu/chapters/i9827.pdf)

**14 November A Last and Diminished Utopia**

Sam Moyn, Not Enough: Human Rights in an Unequal World (2018)

**21 November The End of Politics?**

Wendy Brown, Undoing the Demos: Neoliberalism’s Stealth Revolution (2015), chs.1-3

Joshua Clover, Riot, Strike, Riot: The New Era of Uprisings (2016)

**28 November Crash**

Adam Tooze, Crashed: How a Decade of Financial Crisis Changed the World (2018)