

HISTORY 630: THE TEACHING OF WORLD HISTORY

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Thursday, 1:30-4:30PM

This course is designed to introduce students to the teaching of world history and to themes and literature of current interest in world history. Its emphasis is on processes of interaction which operate on a global scale. A second focus is analysis of the models and explanatory frameworks commonly used to explain global development over the long run. Students are expected to audit or serve as a TA in History 10 or History 11 in order to observe an introductory world history course in action. Students will bring to class each week a short critique of the week's reading (2 pages; DUE IN CLASS, weeks 2-12; you can miss two weeks). These essays should consider models of explanation, assumptions, and methods of depicting global interactions. A final assignment will be the preparation of world history syllabi by groups of students divided into teams.

Classes will consist of two parts: an initial discussion of the readings, and a teaching exercise. Discussions will focus on three issues: the questions being asked about the topic by the authors; their aims, techniques, and achievements; how authors deal with the problems of comparison and of difference. What cast of characters do they consider? How do they deal with differences of race, class, gender, and caste? What might be the best examples to use to investigate the topic? In addition, in weeks 2-12, students will teach, either singly or in groups, the assigned topics. Sharing ideas on how to present world history imaginatively to undergraduates is best accomplished via action and direct observation. Students are encouraged to locate primary sources to use in their presentations, which should take into account comparative developments and social impacts.

Asterisked books are available for purchase at the Penn Book Center. Articles will be available for xeroxing from a box in the mail room or on line. Books are also available in Rosengarten Reserve.

I. *Approaches and Assumptions*

1. Sept. 6: How can one teach "World History" in one semester?

Jerry Bentley, "Cross-Cultural Interaction and Periodization in World History," American Historical Review, 101 #3 (1996) 749-770

Strategies used at Penn and Temple
Textbook alternatives
Race, class, gender, and caste

Books for reference:

- R. Bulliet, P Crossley, D Headrick, et. al, The Earth and its Peoples: A Global History.
- C. Bayly, The Birth of the Modern World, 1789-1914
- P. Crossley, L Lees, and J Servos, Global Society: The World Since 1900
- C. Findlay and J. Rothney, Twentieth-Century World.
- M. Kishlansky, P. Geary and P. O'Brien, Societies and Cultures in

World History

William McNeill, The Rise of the West

Bonnie Smith, Women's History in Global Perspective, 4 vols.

P. Stearns, M Adas and S Schwartz, World Civilizations

H. Spodek, The World's History

R. Tignor, et. al., Worlds Together, Worlds Apart

II. Teaching Topics

2. Sept. 13: Trade and Society in Global Exchanges

- ** P. Curtin, Cross Cultural Trade in World History, chaps 1-8, 1-178.
- ** Alfred Crosby, "The Columbian Voyages, the Columbian Exchange and Their Historians," in Michael Adas, Islamic and European Expansion, pp 141-165
- A.G. Hopkins, "The History of Globalization, in A. G. Hopkins, Globalization in World History, 11-47.

Add. Bib

Jerry Bentley, Old World Encounters: Cross-Cultural Contacts and Exchanges in Pre-modern Times

F. Braudel, Civilization and Capitalism, 15th-18th Century, 3 vols.

K. C. Chaudhuri, The Trading World of Asia and the East India Company, 1660-1760.

K. C. Chaudhuri, Asia Before Europe

Alfred Crosby, The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of 1492

Geoffrey C. Gunn, First Globalization: The Eurasian Exchange, 1500-1800

Claude Markovitz, The Global World of Indian Merchants, 1750-1947: Traders of Sind from Bukhara to Panama

3. Sept. 20: Islamdom

- ** Richard Eaton, "Islamic History as Global History" in Adas, Islamic and European Expansion, 1-36
- Judith Tucker, "Gender and Islamic History", in Adas, Islamic and European Expansion, pp. 37-75
- Lin Xinru, "Silk and Religions in Eurasia, c. AD 600-1200," Journal of World History, 6, #1, 25-48.

Add. Bib.

Leila Ahmed, Gender and Women in Islam

Christopher Bayly, "Empires of Religion", The Birth of the Modern World, chap. 9

Susan Bayly, Saints, Goddesses, and Kings: Christians and Muslims in South Asian Society, 1700-1900

Jamal Elias, Islam

Richard M. Eaton, The rise of Islam and the Bengal frontier, 1204-1760

Clifford Geertz, Islam Observed: Religious Development in Morocco and Indonesia

Marshall Hodgson, The Venture of Islam: Conscience and History in a World Civilization
Ira Lapidus, A History of Islamic Societies
Ira Lapidus, Muslim Cities in the Later Middle Ages

4. Sept. 27: **Slavery**

** Orlando Patterson, Slavery and Social Death

Add. Bib.

G. Campbell, S. Meiers, and J. Miller, eds., Women and Slavery, V. 1: Africa, the Indian Ocean World and the Medieval North Atlantic

W. G. Clarence-Smith, Islam and the Abolition of Slavery

David Eltis, The Rise of African Slavery in the Americas

Eugene Genovese, Roll, Jordan, Roll; the World the Slaves Made

J. Inikori and S. Engerman, The Atlantic Slave Trade: Effects on Economies, Societies, and Peoples in Africa, the Americas, and Europe

Ruth Karras, Slavery and Society in medieval Scandinavia

Patrick Manning, Slavery and African life : Occidental, Oriental, and African Slave Trades

J.C. Miller, The Way of Death: Merchant Capitalism and the Angolan Slave Trade, 1730-1830

Gyan Prakash, Bonded Histories: Genealogies of Labor Servitude in Colonial India

Claire Robertson and Martin Klein, Women and Slavery in Africa

Marcus Vlink, "The World's Oldest Trade: Dutch Slavery and the Slave Trade in the Indian Ocean in the Seventeenth Century," Journal of World History, 14 (2003), 131-178

5. October 4: **Commodities and Culture**

**Sidney Mintz, Sweetness and Power, pp. 3-184

Igor Kopytoff, "The Cultural Biography of Things: Commoditization as a Process" in A. Appadurai, The Social Life of Things, pp. 64-94

W. G. Clarence-Smith, "The Commodity Chain," in Cocoa and Chocolate, 1765-1914, pp 1-9

Add. Bib.

Fernand Braudel, The Structures of Everyday Life

Victoria De Grazia and Ellen Furlough, eds, The Sex of Things

Richard Dunn, Sugar and Slaves

Susan Handley, Everyday Things in Pre-Modern Japan

Craig Clunas, Superfluous Things

Philip Curtin, The Rise and Fall of the Plantation Complex

Simon Schama, The Embarrassment of Riches

6. October 11: **Imperial Conflicts and Exchanges**

- ** Linda Colley, Captives: Britain, Empire, and the World, 1600-1850. pp 1-308
- ** M. Strobel, "Gender, Sex, and Empire," in M. Adas, Islamic and European Expansion, 345-377

Add Bib.:

James Axtell, The European and the Indian
 Richard Drayton, Nature's Government: Science, Imperial Britain and the 'Improvement' of the World
 Nancy Farriss, Maya Society under Colonial Rule
 Richard Grove, Green Imperialism
 Catherine Hall, Civilising Subjects
 Richard Price, Alabi's World
 Sanjay Subramanyam, The Portuguese Empire in Asia
 Timothy Mitchell, Colonizing Egypt
 Fred Cooper and Ann Stoler, eds., Tensions of Empire
 Richard White, The Middle Ground

7. October 18: **Industrialization**

- ** Joel Mokyr, The Lever of Riches
- ** Louise Tilly, "Industrialization and Gender Inequality," in Adas, Islamic and European Expansion, pp. 243-311

Add Bib.

Maxine Berg, The Age of Manufactures, 1700-1820
 Peter Evans, Dependent Development: The Alliance of Multinational, State, and Local Capital in Brazil
 Ann Farnsworth Alvear, Dulcinea in the Factory
 Steven Haber, Industry and Development: The Industrialization of Mexico, 1890-1940
 Eric Jones, The Pacific Rim
 Peter Kriedte, Hans Medick, and Jurgen Schlumbom, eds, Industrialization before Industrialization
 Hiroaki Kuromiya, Stalin's Industrial Revolution: Politics and Workers, 1928-1932
 David Landes, Prometheus Unbound
 Walter Licht, Industrializing America: The Nineteenth Century
 Joan Scott, The Glassworkers of Carmaux
 Peter Stearns, The Industrial Revolution in World History
 Eric Wolfe, Europe and the People without History
 Kozo Yamamura, ed., The Economic Emergence of Modern Japan

8. October 25: **Representations of the Other**

- **Michael Adas, Machines as the Measure of Men, pp 1-16, 69-236, 318-342
- Edward Said, Orientalism, pp. 1-46

Add. Bib.

James Mill, The History of India
 Antony Pagden, Facing Each Other: The World's Perceptions of Europe, Europe's Perceptions of the World

M. Leon-Portilla, ed., The Broken Spears: The Aztec Account of the Conquest of Mexico
Jonathan Spence, The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci
Nathan Wachtel, The Vision of the Vanquished
Mrinalini Sinha, Colonial Masculinity

9. November 1: **World Migrations**

Adam McKeown, "Global Migration, 1846-1940," Journal of World History, 15 (2004), 155-189.
Sucheta Mazumdar, "Localities of the Global: Asian Migrations between Slavery and Citizenship," in International Review of Social History, 52(2007), 124-133.
Leslie Page Moch, "Connecting Migration and World History: Demographic Patterns, Family Systems and Gender," IRSH, 52 (2007) 97-104.
Prabhu P. Mohapatra, Eurocentrism, Forced Labour, and Global Migration: A Critical Assessment, IRSH, 52 (2007) 110-115.

Add. Bib.

Marina Carter, Voices from Indenture : Experiences of Indian Migrants in the British Empire
Donna Gabaccia and Franca Iacovetta, eds. Women, Gender, and Transnational Lives: Italian Workers of the World
Steven Hochstadt, Mobility and Modernity: Migration in Germany, 1820-1989
Dirk Hoerder, Cultures in Contact: World Migrations in the Second Millenium.
Patrick Manning, Migration in World History
Adam McKeown, Chinese Networks and Cultural Change: Peru, Chicago, Hawaii, 1900-1936
Leslie Page Moch, Moving Europeans: Migration in Western Europe since 1650
David Northrup, Indentured labor in the age of imperialism, 1834-1922
Walter Nugent, Crossings: The Great Transatlantic Migrations, 1870-1914

10: November 8: **America and the Wider World**

**Victoria DeGrazia, Irresistible Empire: America's advance through twentieth-century Europe

Add Bib:

Michael Adas: Domination by Design
Amy Kaplan, The Anarchy of Empire in the Making of U.S. Culture
Lester D. Langley, The Banana Wars: United States Intervention in the Caribbean, 1898-1934
David Slater and Peter J. Taylor, eds, The American Century : Consensus and Coercion in the Projection of American Power
Amy Staples, The Birth of Development: How the World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organization, and World Health Organization changed the World, 1945-1965
Ann Stoler, Haunted By Empire: Geography of Intimacy in North American History
Olivier Zunz, Why the American Century?

III. *Alternative Explanations of Difference*

11. November 15. **Environmentalism**

- ** Jared Diamond, Guns, Germs, and Steel, pp. 35-214, 239-264.
Locate at least one substantial review of GGS and be prepared to critique Diamond's approach

Add. Bib.

Eric Jones, The European Miracle
J.R. McNeill, Something New Under the Sun: An Environmental History of
Alfred Crosby, Ecological Imperialism
William Cronon, Changes in the Land
Richard Grove, Green Imperialism

12: November 29: **Eurocentrism?**

- D. Landes, The Wealth and Poverty of Nations, pp. 3-59
** K. Pomeranz, The Great Divergence, pp- 1-27, 111-207, 211-227, 264-269.

Add. Bib.

J.M. Blaut, Eight Eurocentric Historians; and 1492: The Debate on Colonialism, Eurocentrism and History
Dipesh Chakrabarty, Provincializing Europe : postcolonial thought and historical difference
David Gress, From Plato to Nato
Philip Huang, et. al, Commentary on The Great Divergence, Journal of Asian Studies, 61:2 (May, 2002), 501-663.
M. Lewis and K. Wigan, The Myth of Continents
Immanuel Wallerstein, European Universalism : the rhetoric of power

13. December 6: **Your Questions; Your Strategies.**

Each group will present in preliminary outline their design for a world history course, suggesting those readings they find most useful and the issues that they think it most important to raise. How are you defining regions and periods of history? What cast of characters will you consider?

You might want to look at some of the following:

William A Green, "Periodization in European and World History," Journal of World History, III, #1 (1992), 13-54
D. Christian, "Inner Eurasia as a Unit of World History," Journal of World History, V, #2 (1994), 173-212
Fernand Braudel, "Divisions of Space and Time in Europe," in The Perspective of the World, pp.21-87
Steven Feierman, "Africa in History: The End of Universal Narratives,"
In G. Prakash, ed, After Colonialism, 40-65