

HI203: The European World, 1500 to 1750

Seminar Readings

Term 1, 2018/19

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Week 1: Introduction, and Europe in 1500

- Humfrey Butters, 'Europe in 1500', in *The European World 1500-1800: An Introduction to Early Modern History*, ed. by Beat Kümin, 3rd edn (London: Routledge, 2017), pp. 13–22.
- Wim Blockmans and Peter Hoppenbrouwers, *Introduction to Medieval Europe, 300-1500*, 2nd edn (London: Routledge, 2014), pp. 421–427 (this book also contains a good timeline).

Week 2: Social Relationships

Compulsory Readings:

1. *Elizabethan Sumptuary Laws*: <http://elizabethan.org/sumptuary/>

Please make sure you read all the statutes:

- Who Wears What I (Enforcing Statutes of Apparel, issued at Greenwich, 15 June 1574, 16 Elizabeth I);
- Who Wears What II (Enforcing Statutes of Apparel, issued at Westminster, 6 May 1562, 4 Elizabeth I);
- Concerning Ruffs, Hose, and Swords (Issued at Westminster, 6 May 1562, 4 Elizabeth I);
- Fines (Noting Certain Statutes to be Enforced, issued by the Privy Council, Westminster, 7 May 1562, 4 Elizabeth I);
- Concerning Horses (Enforcing Statutes of Apparel, issued Westminster, 7 May 1562, 4 Elizabeth I)

2. Susan D. Amussen, 'Social Hierarchies', in *The Elizabethan World*, ed. by Susan Doran and Norman Jones (London: Routledge, 2011), pp. 271–284.

Pick one of the one of the two chapters below (there is no advantage to picking either chapter, and you are of course welcome to read both):

- Tijana Krstić, 'Islam and Muslims in Europe', in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Modern European History, 1350-1750: Volume 1, Peoples and Place*, ed. by Hamish Scott (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), pp. 670–693.
- David B. Ruderman, 'The Transformations of Judaism' in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Modern European History, 1350-1750: Volume 1, Peoples and Place*, ed. by Hamish Scott (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), pp. 652–669.

Week 3: Gender

Compulsory Readings:

- John Knox, *The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women* (Geneva, 1558). Especially the sections ‘The First Blast to Awaken Women Degenerate’ and ‘Common Objections Answered’.
Link: <http://www.swrb.com/newslett/actualNLS/firblast.htm>.
- Elizabeth I, Speech to the Troops assembled at Tilbury, 9 August 1588.
Link: <https://awpc.cattcenter.iastate.edu/2017/03/09/speech-to-the-troops-at-tilbury-aug-19-1588/>.
- Merry Wiesner-Hanks, ‘Gender Theory and the Study of Early-Modern Europe’, in *Practices of Gender in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe*, ed. by Megan Cassidy-Welch and Peter Sherlock (Turnhout: Brepols, 2008), pp. 7-23.

Pick one of the one of the two articles below (there is no advantage to picking either chapter, and you are of course welcome to read both):

- Laura Gowing, ‘Gender and the Language of Insult in Early Modern London’, *History Workshop Journal* 35 (Spring 1993): 1–21.
- Bernard Capp, ‘The Double Standard Revisited: Plebeian Women and Male Sexual Reputation in Early Modern England’, *Past & Present* 162 (February 1999), pp. 70-100.

Optional:

- Aidan Norrie, ‘A man? A woman? A lesbian? A whore?: Queen Elizabeth I and the Cinematic Subversion of Gender’, in *Premodern Rulers and Postmodern Viewers: Gender, Sex, and Power in Popular Culture*, ed. by Janice North, Karl C. Alvstad, and Elena Woodacre (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018), pp. 319-340.

Week 4: Trans-Cultural Contacts

- An Aztec account of the Conquest of Mexico.
Link: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/aztecs1.asp>
- Bartolome de las Casas, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies* (1542).
Link:
<http://web.archive.org/web/19980116133031/http://pluto.clinch.edu/history/wciv2/civ2ref/casas.htm>
- Excerpts from Hernan Cortés’s Second Letter to Charles V (1520).
Link: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/1520cortes.asp>
- Jean-Frédéric Schaub, ‘Violence in the Atlantic: Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries’, in *The Oxford Handbook of the Atlantic World: 1450-1850*, ed. by Nicholas Canny and Philip Morgan (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), pp. 113–129. (CW: rape, violence).
- ‘Introduction: Taming the Dutch’, in *The Company and the Shogun: The Dutch Encounter with Tokugawa Japan*, by Adam Clulow (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014), pp. 1–21.
- Nabil Matar, ‘Queen Elizabeth I Through Moroccan Eyes’, *Journal of Early Modern History* 12 (2008) 55-76.

Week 5: The Early Modern Economy

- Read the accounts of the Sidney family.
Link: <https://www.english.cam.ac.uk/eres/sidneiana/nevitt.htm>
- Elisabeth Salter, 'Women's Last Wills and Testaments in Hull, England (c. 1450-1555)', *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 12.2 (Spring 2018), pp. 33–53.
- View 'Men's and Women's Work Clothing: A Portfolio of Images'
Link: <http://www.uvm.edu/~hag/sca/work/index.html>
- Read the following three chapters from *The European World 1500-1800: An Introduction to Early Modern History*: Steve Hindle, 'The Early Modern Economy', pp. 79–87; Steve Hindle, 'Rural Society', pp. 36–43; Penny Roberts, 'Urban Society', 46–56.

Week 7: The Medieval Legacy

- Selections from Walter L. Wakefield and Austin P. Evans, eds and trans, *Heresies of the High Middle Ages* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1991), 208–213; 230–241 (Texts 33, 34, 37, and 38).
- Catholic Doctrinal Documents on the Seven Sacraments.
Link: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1438sacraments.asp>
- Extracts from Susan Doran and Christopher Durston, *Princes, Pastors and People: The Church and Religion in England, 1500–1700*, 2nd ed (London: Routledge, 2003), pp. 7–13, 60–61, 82–87, 112–115, 140–149.
- Beat Kümin and Peter Marshall, 'Church and people at the close of the Middle Ages', in *The European World 1500-1800: An Introduction to Early Modern History*, ed. by Beat Kümin (London: Routledge, 2017), 91–99.

Week 8: The Reformation and Religious Change

- Martin Luther, *95 Theses*.
Link: <http://www.iclnet.org/pub/resources/text/wittenberg/luther/web/ninetyfive.html>
- Martin Luther, *Address To The Nobility of the German Nation* (1520), 'Introduction', and 'The Three Walls Of The Romanists' (i.e., stop reading at 'Of The Matters To Be Considered In The Councils').
Link: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/luther-nobility.asp>
- Henry J. Cohn, 'The long Reformation: Lutheran', in *The European World 1500-1800: An Introduction to Early Modern History*, ed. by Beat Kümin (London: Routledge, 2017), pp. 102–110.
- Penny Roberts, 'The long Reformation: Reformed', in *The European World 1500-1800: An Introduction to Early Modern History*, ed. by Beat Kümin (London: Routledge, 2017), pp. 113–121.
- Susan Doran and Christopher Durston, *Princes, Pastors and People: The Church and Religion in England, 1500–1700*, 2nd ed (London: Routledge, 2003), pp. 11–18.

Week 9: Calvinism and Religious Radicals

- Calvin's *On Predestination*.
Link: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/calvin-predest.asp>
- Carlos Eire, 'Calvinism and the Reform of the Reformation', in *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Reformation*, ed. by Peter Marshall (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), pp. 76–114.
- Alexandra Walsham, *Charitable Hatred: Tolerance and Intolerance in England, 1500–1700* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2006), pp. 1–5, 13–26.

Week 10: The Counter-Reformation / The Catholic Reformation

- Profession of Faith (Tridentine Creed).
Link: http://www.traditionalcatholic.net/Tradition/Prayer/Tridentine_Creed.html
- Decrees from the 6th session of the Council of Trent (1547). (Focus on 'On Justification', but please do skim the 'Decree on Justification' and 'Decree on Reformation').
Link: <https://history.hanover.edu/texts/trent/ct06.html>
- Anne Gerritsen, Kevin Gould, and Peter Marshall, 'The Long Reformation: Catholic', in *The European World 1500-1800: An Introduction to Early Modern History*, ed. by Beat Kümin (London: Routledge, 2017), pp. 124–133.
- Alexandra Walsham, 'Translating Trent? English Catholicism and the Counter Reformation' in *Catholic Reformation in Protestant Britain* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2014), pp. 341–367.