

HIS201: NEW PERSPECTIVES IN GLOBAL HISTORY

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Class Meets in Morey 504

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Office Hrs: Tuesday, 14:00-15:00 and by Appt.

Requirements and Grading

Participants in this course will have the following obligations: 1) regular class attendance and participation in class discussions, 2) write one essay of between 10 and 15 typed pages, exploring a theme of one's own choice; the paper is due on **April 23**; 3) a 5-page review of J. Clegg, *China's Global Strategy: Towards a Multipolar World*, which is due **March 19**; and 4) take a final exam on **May 6**. The final will account **20** percent of the final grade; the review, **20** percent; the essay **35** percent; class attendance (we will keep attendance register) and participation in discussions **25** percent.

Please take note: (1) To give every student equal opportunity, I do NOT change a student's grade after its submission to the registrar's office. To uphold this principle means that I cannot possibly give additional work or re-grade a single student's work after the grades of the class have been posted. If you want a "good" grade, work to earn it BEFORE the end of the semester (but not after). (2) Students are required to uphold the College's Academic Honesty guidelines, which can be found at www.rochester.edu/college/honesty. (3) Class attendance is mandatory.

Required Texts

J. Clegg, *China's Global Strategy: Towards a Multipolar World* (Pluto Press, 2009).

L.S. Stavrianos, *Global Rift: The Third World Comes of Age* (New York: William Morrow and Co., 1981).

E.R. Wolf, *Europe and the People Without History* (Berkeley, University of California Press, 1997 [1982]).

Course Schedule

Jan. 15: Objectives and Requirements

Jan. 20: The Third World: Unity and Diversity, Myth and Reality

Stavrianos, pp. 23-43.

Bacevich, "Big Change Whether We Like It or Not," *NationofChange* at: <http://www.nationofchange.org/big-change-whether-we-it-or-not-1321287715>.

PART I: CRISIS IN EUROPEAN FEUDALISM AND ITS WORLDWIDE CONSEQUENCES

Jan. 22: Nature of the Crisis

Wolf, ch. 4.

Jan 27: Eastern Europe Becomes the first Third World

Stavrianos, ch. 3.

Jan 29: Conquest and Colonization of Latin America, I

Wolf, ch. 5

Feb 3: Conquest and Colonization of Latin America, II

Video: "The Buried Mirror," Program 2 (The Conflict of the Gods, 60 minutes)

Optional: Stavrianos, ch. 4.

Feb 5: The Atlantic Slave Trade, I

J. Inikori, "Africa and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade," in Toyin Falola, ed., *Africa, Volume I: African History Before 1885* (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2000): 389-412.

Feb 10: The Atlantic Slave Trade, II

Wolf, ch. 7.

PART II: CAPITALISM, NEW COLONIALISM AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT**Feb 12: The Rise of Capitalism & the Industrial Revolution**

Wolf, chs. 9-10

Feb 17: Bourgeois Europe Conquers the World: The First Phase, 1815-1870

Stavrianos, chs. 9, 11. Optional: Stavrianos, ch 12 (India)

Feb 19: Bourgeois Europe Conquers the World: The Second Phase, 1870-1914

E. Mandala, "Theories of Imperialism," (notes).

Stavrianos, Ch. 13 (pp. 256-263 only); ch.14.

Feb 24: Emergence of a New Working Class

Wolf, ch 12

Feb 26: "Our" History is part of "Their" History

Movie: "Minimum Wages"

March 3: Peasants and the Production of Commodities, I

E. Mandala, "African Peasants and Peasantries," (Notes)

March 5: Peasants and the Production of Commodities, II

Wolf, ch. 11.

March 10, 12, 17: Spring Break

PART III: THIRD WORLD STRUGGLES FOR AUTONOMY

March 19: World War I: Bourgeois Catastrophe, Bolshevik Revolution, I

Stavrianos, chs 16, 20.

*Book Review (Clegg, *China's Global Strategy*) is due today*

March 24: World War I: Bourgeois Catastrophe, Bolshevik Revolution, II

Movie: "Ten Days that Shook the World."

March 26: China Enters the Third World

Stavrianos, ch. 15, 22

March 31: China Breaks the Imperialist Chain

Video: "China: A Century of Revolution, 1911-1949."

April 2: World War II, Decolonization, and the Cold War

Stavrianos, ch. 23 (pp. 623-30, 665-679) (Other sections of the chapter are optional: India, pp. 631-645; Middle East, pp. 645-665; Latin America, pp. 680-708).

April 7: National Liberation and Social Revolution: Cuba, I

Stavrianos, pp. 375-385.

April 9: National Liberation and Social Revolution: Cuba, II

Stavrianos, pp. 709-711, 741-755.

National Geographic, "Cuba on the Edge of Change," (November 2012: 28-59).

April 14: Socialist Experiments in Mozambique

A. Isaacman and B. Isaacman, *Mozambique: From Colonialism to Revolution* (Boulder, Col.: Westview Press, 1983), pp. 27-60; 109-170.

E. Mandala, "Mozambique," (notes).

April 16: Apartheid's Wars against its Neighbors

P. Nugent, *Africa since Independence: A Comparative History* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), 280-87.

PART IV: A NEW WORLD ORDER?

April 21: The Collapse of the USSR and the End of the Cold War

Ken Jowitt, *New World Disorder: The Leninist Extinction* (University of California Press, 1992), 249-305).

Essays Due Today

April 23: China as a Global Power

Clegg, *China's Global Strategy*

April 28: Africa and China

D. Shin and J. Eisenman, *China and Africa: A Century of Engagement* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012), 17-55.