This course traces more than one hundred and fifty years of socialist political efforts in Europe. Beginning with the revolutions of 1848, we will examine the political circumstances and theories that made revolution possible, as well as the conditions that threatened these movements. Students will encounter the Marxist and Christian Socialist movements of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and the many Soviet revolutionary movements after the First World War – from Moscow to Munich and from Berlin to Budapest. We will examine the socialist resistance to fascism in Vienna and Spain, and trace the development of Western European leftist movements, both communist and social democratic. The last half of the course will compare the socialist welfare systems in Western Europe, and attempts to build socialism with a “human face” in Eastern Europe during the 1950s and 1960s. Finally, the course will examine the failures of leftist terrorist organizations and of “realized socialism.”

Throughout the semester, students will be expected to keep up with the assigned readings (noted for each week on the syllabus) and be prepared for discussion in class. This is very important, as this will be a discussion intensive course. Students will also be required to write three “discussion” papers during the course of the semester. These pieces, two to three pages in length will form the basis of debate and discussion in class. In addition, there will be a take home mid-term examination, a research paper (fifteen to twenty pages), and a final examination. Participation will also account for a substantial part of the course grade.

Three Discussion Papers (5% x 3)  15%
Mid-term Examination (Take-Home)  20%
Research Paper  30%
Final Examination  25%
Participation  10%

Collective Election Project:
With many upcoming elections in Europe over the course of the semester, we will also be watching political developments there. Each student will be responsible for a segment of the election process in a country of his or her choice. Among others, which will have elections in the autumn, we will monitor France, Denmark, Netherlands, Czech Republic and Hungary; all of which will have elections this spring.
The Following Books are available in the Bookstore. The Texts will be read in full, or nearly so. It is advisable to purchase these texts. All texts have also been placed on reserve. You may use your discretion.

**Reading List:**

Glassgold, Peter, ed. *Anarchy: An Anthology of Emma Goldman’s Mother Earth*, (Counterpoint Press, 2001),

Gould, Roger. *Insurgent Identities: Class, Community and Protest in Paris from 1848 to the Commune*, (University of Chicago, 1995),


Berdahl, Daphne. *Where the World Ended: Re-Unification and Identity in the German Borderland*, (University of California, 1999),


Crenshaw, Martha. *Terrorism in Context*, (Penn State University Press, 1995),

Sassoon, Donald. *Looking Left: Socialism in Europe After the Cold War*, (W.W. Norton Press, 1998),

Week 1: **Bourgeois Modernity**  
*Building Industrial Society*  
1/22-24  
Readings: Polanyi Chapters 3-10

Week 2: **Early Resistance: 1848 and the Paris Commune**  
1/29-31  
Readings: Gould Insurgent Identities Chapters 1, 2, and 6  
Marx *Wage Labour and Capital* pp. 203-217  
The Coming Upheaval pp. 218-219  
Manifesto of the Communist Party pp. 469-500  
The Civil War in France pp. 618-652

Week 3: **Multiple Socialism**  
2/5-7  
Readings: Marx *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts* pp. 66 –125  
The German Ideology (Part I) pp. 146-202  
The Tactics of Social Democracy pp. 556-576  
Engels *Socialism: Utopian and Scientific* pp. 683-717  
Versus the Anarchists pp. 728-729  
Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State pp. 734-759
Waters Rosa Luxemburg Speaks  
Geras *The Legacy of Rosa Luxemburg*

Week 4: **Revolutionary Socialism**  
2/12-14  
Reading: Lenin *What is To be Done?*  
Glassgold *Anarchy!: An Anthology*  
Nijhoff: George Lukacs’ Marxism  
Wexler *Emma Gold Man in Exile*  
Tökés *Bela Kun and the Hungarian Soviet Republic*  
Völgyes *Hungary in Revolution*  
Jaszi *Revolution and Counter Revolution*  
Siklos *Revolution in Hungary*

Week 5: **End of Revolutionary Socialism**  
2/19-21  
Readings: Alexander *Anarchists in the Spanish Civil War*  
Bolloten *The Spanish Civil War: Revolution and Counter-Revolution*  
Cattell *Communism and the Spanish Civil War*  
Beevor *The Spanish Civil War*  
Large *Between Two Fires*
Week 6:  **Perversions of Socialism: Fascism**  
2/26-28  
Readings:  
- Sternhell  The Birth of Fascist Ideology  
- De Grazia  How Fascism Ruled Women  
- Mussolini  The Doctrine of Fascism  
- Rosenberg  The Myth of the Twentieth Century  

Week 7:  **Totalitarian Socialism**  
3/5-7  
Readings:  
- Kotkin  Magnetic Mountain: Stalinism as Civilization  
- Torney  Making Sense of Tyranny  
- Tucker  Stalinism: Essays in Historical Interpretation  
- Heller  Cogs in the Wheel: The Formation of Soviet Man  
- Arendt  The Origins of Totalitarianism  

Week 8:  Break  

Week 9:  **Forming Blocs: The Birth of The Cold War**  
3/19-21  
Readings:  

Week 10:  **Living Under Socialism**  
*Continuations of Class*  
3/26-28  
Reading:  
- Berdahl  Where the World Ended  
- Burawoy  The Radiant Past: Ideology and Reality in Hungary’s Road to Capitalism  
- Harasztı  A Worker in a Workers’ State  
- Volgyes  Blue Collar Working Women and Poverty in Hungary  

Week 11:  **Living Under Socialism**  
*Challenges for Women*  
4/2-4  
Reading:  
- Berdahl  Where the World Ended  
- Gal & Kligman  The Politics of Gender After Socialism  
- Verdery  From Parent State to Family Patriarchs  
- Haney  From Proud Worker to Good Mother  
- Hillhouse  Out of the Closet Behind the Wall
Week 12: **Realized Socialism in the West**  
*Building the Welfare State*  
4/9-11  
Readings:  
- O’Brien & Penna: Theorizing Welfare: Enlightenment and Modern Society  
- Bourdieu: Acts of Resistance: Against the Tyranny of the Market  
- Springer: The European Union and its Citizens: The Social Agenda  
- Bock: Maternity and Gender Politics: Women and the Rise of European Welfare States

Week 13: **Radicalism and Red Terrors in Europe**  
4/16-18  
Readings:  
- Crenshaw: Terrorism in Context 1, 2, and 4  
- Young: The Italian Left  
- Markovits: The German Left: Red, Green and Beyond  
- Sassoon: One Years of Socialism Chapters 2, 5, 6, and 7

Week 14: **After the Cold War**  
*Post Communists and New Left*  
4/23-25  
Readings:  
- Sassoon: Looking Left: Socialism in Europe After the Cold War chapters 2, 5, 6, and 7  
- Verdery: What Was Socialism and What Comes Next? 1-4 and 8

Week 15: **What’s Next?**  
*Post-Materialism, Anti-Globalization and Green Politics*  
4/30-5/2