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History 125
FASCIST EUROPE

The seminar studies the European societies torn by war, revolution, and economic turmoil that gave rise to fascist movements and regimes. Since the early 1920s, historians and political theorists have debated the precise nature of fascism: whether or not it constituted a coherent set of political ideas, values, or practices, and whether or not it could be considered a truly international phenomenon. Can we speak, for example, of a specifically fascist system of government, of economy, of political culture and ideology, or of politics? If so, whose interests did it represent and how? Was there a fascist economic model? Who joined fascist movements and why? How did activists in early fascist movements relate to later fascist regimes? Why were fascists utterly obsessed by issues of national, sexual, and (sometimes) racial identity? Was fascism an exclusively inter-war phenomenon, the product or reflection of particular circumstances in European history, or does it have some application to later periods and places? These are only a few of the questions the seminar will explore, *always keeping in mind that the main focus is not simply on fascism--a phenomenon whose character was debatable--but rather on the conditions that produced it.*

Seminar sessions are organized around the following general topics:

- 1) Introduction
- 2) World War I, Revolution and Counterrevolution (1 week)
- 3) Italy (4 weeks)
- 4) Germany (5 weeks)
- 5) Fascism in France (1 week)
- 6) Fascism and Nazism in the East (1 week)
- 7) Fascism, War, and the Holocaust (1 week)

Although no session is devoted specifically to discussing theories of fascism, patterns of explanation constitute a critical component of each session.

Basic Texts

The following books (latest paperback editions) have been ordered for you at the College Bookstore. They have also been placed on the Honors Reserve shelf at McCabe.

Alexander De Grand, Italian Fascism. Its Origins and Development

Jane Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (Short Oxford History of Germany).

Richard J. Evans, The Coming of the Third Reich

P. Fritzsche, Life and Death in the Third Reich

Robert Paxton, The Anatomy of Fascism

Detlev Peukert, The Weimar Republic: The Crisis of Classical Modernity

Detlev Peukert, Inside Nazi Germany. Conformity, Opposition and Racism in Everyday Life

Resources:

Please be aware that the library (and J-STOR among others) has a very strong collection of periodicals with excellent articles on several topics related to European Fascism. Most of the assigned and suggested articles may be accessed online through TRIPOD. In addition to the books on the Honor's Reserve Shelf, there are also many excellent works available to you, particularly in the Germany and Italy general sections of the stacks in McCabe.

Some Useful Periodicals (and their abbreviations in the syllabus):

American Historical Review	AHR
Austrian History Yearbook	AHY (shelved as individual books, DB1.A772)
Central European History	CEH
Contemporary European History	ContEH
Economic History Review	EcHR
German Studies Review	GSR
Historical Journal	HJ
History Workshop	HistWorkshop
Journal of Contemporary History	JContHist
Journal of Economic History	EcH
Journal of Modern History	JMH
Journal of Social History	JSH
New York Review of Books	NYR
Past and Present	P&P
Slavic review	SR

Some (of many) Collections, Surveys, Syntheses:

- G. Albanese and R. Pergher, In the Society of Fascists. Acclamation, Acquiescence, and Agency in Mussolini's Italy (2012) (available as E-book)
- R. Bessel, ed., Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany: Comparisons and Contrasts (1996) H
- R. Bessel, ed., Life in the Third Reich (1987)
- M. Blinkhorn, Fascism and the Right in Europe (2000)
- R. J. B. Bosworth, Mussolini's Italy. Life Under the Dictatorship (2006)
- R. J. B. Bosworth, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Fascism (2009)
- M. Blinkhorn, ed., Fascists and Conservatives, (1990) H
- David Crew, ed., Nazism and German Society, 1933-1945 (1994) H
- Istvan Deak, Essays on Hitler's Europe (2001) H
- R. Defelice, Interpretations of Fascism (1977). H
- R. Evans, The Third Reich in Power (2005) H
- D. Forgacs, ed., Rethinking Italian Fascism. Capitalism, Populism and Culture (1986) H
- JContHist, October, 1976 (Special Issue devoted to theories of Fascism) H
- I. Kershaw, Hitler, the Germans, and the Final Solution (2008) H
- I. Kershaw, The Nazi Dictatorship: Problems and Perspectives of Interpretation (2000) H
- R. Koshar, ed. Splintered Classes: Politics and the Lower Middle Classes in Interwar Europe (1990) H
- S. U. Larsen & B. Hagtvet, eds., Who Were the Fascists? Social Roots of European Fascism (1980) H
- W. Laqueur, Fascism: A Reader's Guide (1978) H
- J. Milfull, ed., The Attractions of Fascism. Social Psychology and Aesthetics of the 'Triumph of the Right' (1990)
- K. Passmore, ed., Women, Gender and Fascism in Europe, 1919-1945 (2003) H
- S. Payne, Fascism: Comparison and Definition (1980) H
- H. Rogger & E. Weber, eds., The European Right (1966) H
- R. Sarti, ed., The Axe Within: Italian Fascism in Action (1974) H
- H. Smith, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Modern German History (2011)
- H. A. Turner, ed., Reappraisals of Fascism (1975) H

Useful Document Collections:

- C. Delzell, ed., Mediterranean Fascism 1919-1940 (1971) H
- R. Griffin, ed. Fascism (1995)
- A. Kaes, et al eds., The Weimar Republic Source Book (1994)
- R. Moeller, ed., The Nazi State and German Society. A Brief History with Documents (2010)
- John Pollard, The Fascist Experience in Italy H
- Jeffrey T. Schnapp, ed., A Primer of Italian Fascism (2000) H Annotated and useful
- Noakes & G. Pridham, eds., Nazism. A History in Documents and Eyewitness Accounts 1919-1945 vol. 1, The Nazi Party State and Society 1919-1939 (1984) H Still the best annotated document collection on the Nazis

NOTE: H means a book is on the Honors Reserve shelf. Articles or book chapters that are required for weekly common readings are usually posted on Moodle.

Schedule of Weekly Topics

1) Introduction: Politics in a New Key

Common Readings:

- R. Paxton, The Anatomy of Fascism (2004), "Introduction" (3-23)
M. Mazower, Dark Continent. Europe's 20th Century, 3-32 (this book offers very useful background reading for the 1918-1945 period in general)

2) World War I, Mobilization, Conquest, Counterrevolution

Optional German History Background:

- V.R. Berghahn, Modern Germany H (and online), chapters 1 & 2. Please Note for the future that this is an *extremely useful* book for the review process!
P. Judson, "Nationalism in the Era of the Nation State, 1870-1945" in H. Smith, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Modern German History (2011) 499-526, especially 499-512.

Common Readings:

- A. Sammartino, The Impossible Border. Germany and the East, 1914-1922 (2010) 18-44; 45-70 H
V. G. Liulevicius, The German Myth of the East. 1800 to the Present (2009) H, 130-159
P. Weindling, Epidemics and Genocide in Eastern Europe, 1890-1945 (2000) H 8-18, 73-130
B. Hüppauf, "The Birth of Fascist Man from the Spirit of the Front: From Langemarck to Verdun" in J. Milfull, ed., The Attractions of Fascism. Social Psychology and Aesthetics of the 'Triumph of the Right' (1990)
B. Davis, "Food Scarcity and the Empowerment of the Female Consumer in World War I Berlin," in V. DeGrazia, ed., The Sex of Things, 287-300
R. Gerwarth and J. Horne, "Bolshevism as Fantasy: Fear of Revolution and Counter-Revolutionary Violence, 1917-1923" in R. Gerwarth & J. Horne, eds., War in Peace. Paramilitary Violence in Europe After the Great War, 40-51
R. Gerwarth, "Fighting the Red Beast: Counter-Revolutionary Violence in the Defeated States of Central Europe," in R. Gerwarth & J. Horne, eds., War

in Peace. Paramilitary Violence in Europe After the Great War, 52-71
R. Bessel, Germany After the First World War, 1-48, 220-253 H

Topics:

Legacies of the War and Mobilization
German Culture and Conquest in the East
The Central European Counterrevolutions

3) Italy: Old Order, Revolutionary Crisis, New Right

Optional Background:

M. Blinkhorn, Mussolini and Fascist Italy (excellent, informative, and brief)
P. Morgan, Italian Fascism 1915-1945, 13-59
A. De Grand, Italian Fascism. Its Origins and Development, 3-33 H
S. Payne, A History of Fascism 1914-1945, 80-101 H

Common Readings:

R. Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, 24-64 H
A. Lyttelton, The Seizure of Power (1987), chs. 1-3 H (The Classic—but huge)
R.J.B. Bosworth, Mussolini's Italy. Life Under the Fascist Dictatorship, 93-149
P. Corner, Fascism in Ferrara, (1975) H, 28-84; 104-169
P. Corner, The Fascist Party and Popular Opinion in Mussolini's Italy (2012) H,
13-22
M. Ebner, Ordinary Violence in Mussolini's Italy (2011) online, 23-34
F. Snowden, The Fascist Revolution in Tuscany (1989), 33-62; 70-87; 157-179 H
E. Gentile, The Sacralization of Politics in Fascist Italy (1996) 19-31 H

Topics:

The New Right milieus and their Ideologies (including war interventionism)
The “Red Year” 1919: Evaluating threats from the Left (local & national)
Squadristism

4) Italy: The Fascists Come to Power

Common Readings:

Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, 87-118 H
A. Lyttelton, The Seizure of Power, chs. 4-6, 10-11, 17 (skim) H
P. Corner, The Fascist Party and Popular Opinion in Mussolini's Italy (2012) H,
23-62

- J. Baglieri, "Italian Fascism and the Crisis of Liberal Hegemony: 1901-1922," in Larsen & Hagtvet, Who Were the Fascists? (1980) H
- R. De Felice, "From Liberal State to Fascist Regime," in R. Sarti, ed., The Axe Within: Italian Fascism in Action, (1974) H
- M. Ebner, Ordinary Violence in Mussolini's Italy (2011) online, 35-64
- E. Gentile, The Sacralization of Politics in Fascist Italy (1996) chs 2 & 6 H
- M. Berezin, Making the Fascist Self. The Political Culture of Interwar Italy, ch. 2-3 H (sociology...)
- P. Corner, Fascism in Ferrara, 170-260 H
- F. Snowden, The Fascist Revolution in Tuscany (1989), 121-123; 183-209 H
- J. Steinberg, "Fascism in the Italian South: The Case of Calabria" in D. Forgacs, ed., Rethinking Italian Fascism (1986) H

Topics:

The Liberal State and the Fascist Takeover
 Conflicts and Interests Within the Fascist Movement (to 1927)
 Political Spectacle and the Rituals of Fascism

5) Italy: Fascist Domestic Policy

Common Readings:

- Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, 119-147 H
- M. Ebner, Ordinary Violence in Mussolini's Italy (2011) online, 166-258
- P. Corner, "Italian Fascism: What Happened to Dictatorship?" in JMH 74 (2002) (Crucial article)
- P. Corner, The Fascist Party and Popular Opinion in Mussolini's Italy (2012) H, 1-9; 171-192; 275-288
- V. de Grazia, The Culture of Consent: Mass Organization of Leisure in Fascist Italy, (1981), at the very least chs. 1-3. (Crucial Book) H
- A. Lyttelton, The Seizure of Power, chs. 9, 12-15 (skim) H
- A. De Grand, Italian Fascism: Its Origin and Development, 58-91; 138-163 H

On economic thinking/visions in interwar Europe:

- C. Maier, "Between Taylorism and Technocracy: European Ideologies and the Vision of Industrial Productivity in the 1920s" JContHist, vol 5, no. 1 (1970)

Topics:

Fascist Economic Policy?
 Fascist Political Culture: Consent and Opposition
 Women, Family, Work, and the Fascist State

6) Italy: Fascist Imperial Foreign Policy

Common Readings:

- Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, (2004) H, 148-171
- P. Corner, The Fascist Party and Popular Opinion in Mussolini's Italy (2012) H, 192-215; 227-230; 240-244; 253-274
- L. Preti, "Fascist Imperialism and Racism" in R. Sarti, ed., The Axe Within, H
- M. Knox, Common Destiny. Dictatorship, Foreign Policy, and War in Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany, (2000) H, ch. 3
- R. Pergher, "The Consent of Memory. Recovering Fascist-Settler Relations in Libya, in Albanese & Pergher, In the Society of Fascists (2012), (E-book), 169-188
- R. Pergher, "Staging the Nation in Fascist Italy's 'New Provinces'" (AHY 2012)
- R. Pergher, "'I find myself here among Italians who don't Want to be Italian and Who'd Want us Dead.' The National Veterans' Agency and the Italianization of South Tyrol in the Interwar Period" (unpublished ms.)
- D. Rodogno, Fascism's European Empire. Italian occupation During the Second World War, (2006) H, 42-71; 258-331
- R. Ben-Ghiat and M. Fuller, Italian Colonialism (2005) H (Check some of the short articles in this recent collection)

Topics:

Fascist Italy's Settlement and Colonization Policies
Radicalization: Fascist Foreign Policy in the 1930s
Racial and Anti-Semitic Policy in 1930s Fascist Italy

7) Germany: The Weimar Republic

Useful Background for those who need it:

- Berghahn, Modern Germany, H (and online), chapter 3
- Richard Evans, The Coming of the Third Reich, H, 77-154
- H. Mommsen, The Rise and Fall of Weimar Democracy (1996) H (very detailed on politics)

Common Readings:

- A. Grossmann, "The New Woman and the Rationalization of Sexuality in Weimar Germany" in A. Snitow, ed., Powers of Desire (1983)
- D. Peukert, The Weimar Republic (1991) H
- T. Kühne, Belonging and Genocide. Hitler's Community, 1918-1945 (2010) H, Chapter 1

- T. Childers, "The Social Language of Politics in Germany: The Sociology of Political Discourse in the Weimar Republic," in AHR 95 (1990)
- M. Nolan, Visions of Modernity: American Business and the Modernization of Germany, H (and online) 206-226

Also useful and challenging but not required (for this week and next week):

- D. Abraham, The Collapse of the Weimar Republic: Political Economy and Crisis (1981 or 1986 edition), introduction and ch 1 H (killer theory...)

Topics:

Modernization and its Tensions
 The Transformation of German Electoral Politics 1918-1930
 Labor and Capital 1919-1930

8) **Germany: The Rise to Power of Nazism**

Common Readings:

- Berghahn, Modern Germany, ch 3, "Economic Tensions and the Rise of the Nazis" and "From Brüning to Hitler" H (and E-Book)
- R. Evans, "The emergence of Nazi ideology" in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) 26-47, H
- P. Fritzsche, "The NSDAP 1919-1934: from fringe politics to the seizure of power" in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) 48-72, H
- R. Evans, The Coming of the Third Reich, H, 155-391
- T. Childers, The Nazi Voter: Social Foundations of Fascism in Germany, 1919-1933 (1983), 192-269 H
- R. Bessel, "Political Violence and the Nazi Seizure of Power" in Bessel, ed., Life in the Third Reich (1987), 1-16 H
- G. Eley, "What Produces Fascism: Pre-Industrial Traditions or a Crisis of the Capitalist State?" in From Unification to Nazism: Reinterpreting the German Past H

Topics:

National Socialist Milieu and Ideologies
 The Nazi Party: Social Appeal, Electoral Support
 The Collapse of the Weimar Republic 1930-1933

9) ***Gleichschaltung*: Society and Economy**

Common Readings:

- P. Corner, The Fascist Party and Popular Opinion in Mussolini's Italy (2012) H, 124-127 (“*PNF* and *NSDAP* Compared”)
- J. Noakes, “Hitler and the Nazi state: leadership, hierarchy, and power” in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) 73-93, H
- E. Johnson, Nazi Terror. The Gestapo, Jews, & Ordinary Germans (2000) H 3-27
- R. Gellately, Backing Hitler. Consent & Coercion in Nazi Germany, (2001) H, introduction & ch. 3
- N. Wachsmann, “The policy of exclusion: repression in the Nazi state, 1933-1939” in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) 122-133, H
- D. Peukert, Inside Nazi Germany. Conformity, Opposition and Racism in Everyday Life H, 42-118 (or more if you can—save time next week)
- T. Mason, “The Primacy of Politics,” in Nazism, Fascism & the Working Class, 53-76. (Crucial) H
- A. Tooze, “The economic history of the Nazi regime” in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) 168-195, H
- A. Tooze, The Wages of Destruction: The Making and Breaking of the Nazi Economy, (2006) at least ch. 5 (still *fabulous*) H
- J. Stephenson, “Inclusion: building the national community in propaganda and practice,” in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) H 99-121
- R. Steigmann-Gall, “Religion and the churches” in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) H 146-167

Not required and no longer up to date, but remains useful for organizing your historiography thinking:

Kershaw, The Nazi Dictatorship. Problems and Perspectives of Interpretation H chs. 1; 3; 7 H

Highly recommended and detailed:

Richard Evans, The Third Reich in Power, H, 20-41, 220-260, 455-483

Topics:

Traditional Elites and the New Regime (Churches, Business, Military)
 Nazi Economics and its Paradoxes
 The Terror Regime

10) **The Racial *Volksgemeinschaft***

Common Readings :

Burleigh & Wippermann, The Racial State, H 1-22 (skim briefly for the argument—it’s not hard to get and has to be dealt with...)

- N. Wachsmann, “The policy of exclusion: repression in the Nazi state, 1933-1939” in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) 133-134, H
- P. Fritzsche, Life and Death in the Third Reich (2008) H
- G. Eley, “Hitler’s Silent Majority? Conformity and Resistance Under the Third Reich” (2 parts, University of Michigan Quarterly, 2003, online, endless)
- M. Kaplan, Between Dignity and Despair: Jewish Life in Nazi Germany (1998), 3-49 H
- A.Tröger, “The Creation of a Female Assembly-line Proletariat” in Bridenthal et al., eds., When Biology Became Destiny (1984) 237-270 H
- D. Peukert, Inside Nazi Germany. Conformity, Opposition and Racism in Everyday Life, H 118-242
- L. Wildenthal German Women for Empire, 1884-1945, H chapter 5
- E. Harvey, Women and the Nazi East, (2003), 44-77 H

Topics:

Volksgemeinschaft: Conformity and Opposition in Everyday Life
 Jews, A-Socials, and Other Outsiders in the 1930s
 Women Production and Reproduction in Nazi Germany
 Looking to the East: German Diaspora Dreams

11) Nazi Foreign and Imperial Policy

Background:

Berghahn, Modern Germany, H (and E-book) the following sections in chapter 4: “Nazi Foreign Policy and War Aims;” “Resistance and Collaboration During the Final Years”

Common Readings:

- G. Weinberg, “Foreign policy in peace and war” in Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (2008) 196-218, H
- M. Knox, “Conquest, Foreign and Domestic, in Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany” JMH, vol. 56 (1984)
- A. Tooze, The Wages of Destruction: The Making and Breaking of the Nazi Economy, (2006) 285-325 H
- M. Mazower, Hitler’s Empire (2008) the following chapters: Introduction, 3-8 (and more if you can—it’s a good read)
- W. Lower, Nazi Empire-Building and the Holocaust in Ukraine (2005), 18-43; 162-179 H
- E. Harvey, Women and the Nazi East, 152-174 H
- T. Zahra, Kidnapped Souls: National Indifference and the Battle for Children in the Bohemian Lands, 1900-1948 (2007) H 169-194; 203-251 (Seminar Alum!)
- G. Aly, “Final Solution.” Nazi Population Policy and the Murder of the European

- Jews (1999) H, chapters 2 & 3 H
 P. Longerich, Holocaust. The Nazi Persecution and Murder of the Jews (2010)
 143-176 H
 P. Weindling, Epidemics and Genocide in Eastern Europe, 1890-1945 (2000) H
 271-292

Topics:

Nazi Foreign Policy, 1933-1941
 Race and Space: The Occupation of Bohemia-Moravia
 Race and Space: The Occupation of Poland and Ukraine

12) Fascism in France

Common Readings:

- R. Austin, "The Conservative Right and the Far Right in France: The Search for Power, 1934-44" in Blinkhorn, ed., Fascists and Conservatives, 176-199 H
 R. Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, 68-86 H
 R. Paxton, French Peasant Fascism. Henry Dorgeres's Greenshirts and the Crises of French Agriculture, 1929-1939, H (Skim)
 R. Paxton, Vichy France. Old Guard and New Order, 1940-1944, (The Classic)
 xi-xv; 1-63; 136--273; 330-383 H
 M. Pollard, Reign of Virtue. Mobilizing Gender in Vichy France, H (skim)
 M. Marrus and R. Paxton, Vichy France and the Jews H

Paper Topics:

Intellectuals and Politics in the 1920s: Early Fascism
 Fascist Movements in 1930s France, Urban and Rural
 Fascism at Vichy?

13) Fascism and Nazism in the East

Common Readings:

- R. Paxton, The Anatomy of Fascism, H
 I. Livezeanu, "Between State and Nation: Romanian Lower Middle Class Intellectuals in the Interwar Period" in R. Koshar, ed., Splintered Classes. Politics and the Lower Middle Classes in Interwar Europe, pp. 164-183 H
 (Swat Alum)
 I. Livezeanu, "Fascists and Conservatives in Romania: Two Generations of Nationalists" in M. Blinkhorn, ed., Fascists and Conservatives (1990) H
 S. Payne, A History of Fascism, 1914-1945, 277-289
 H. Case, Between States: The Transylvanian Question and the European Idea

- During World War II (2009), ch. 2
- H. Case, "The Holocaust in Regional Perspective. Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust in Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia"
- J. Gumz, "*Wehrmacht* Perceptions of Mass Violence in Croatia, 1941-1942" in *The Historical Journal*, 44/4 (December 2001):1015-1038
- T. Tönsmeier, "The German Advisers in Slovakia, 1939-1945: Conflict or Co-operation?" in *Czechoslovakia in a Nationalist and Fascist Europe, 1918-1948*, M. Cornwall & R. J. W. Evans, ed.
<http://www.collegehumor.com/article:1802364>

Topics:

Nationalism and Nationalization in East Central Europe
 Fascism in Romania: the Iron Guard
 The Satellite States and Nazi Germany, 1939-1945

14) Fascism, War, and the Holocaust

Common Readings:

- D. Peukert, "The Genesis of the Final Solution from the Spirit of Science," in Crew, ed., Nazism and German Society, H
- Z. Bauman, Modernity and the Holocaust (1989) H
- P. Longerich, Holocaust. The Nazi Persecution and Murder of the Jews (2010) 179-435 H (skim where necessary)
- J. Caplan, "Introduction" in Caplan, ed. Nazi Germany (2008) 1-25 H
- Marrus and Paxton, Vichy France and the Jews, 356-372 H
- P. Weindling, Epidemics and Genocide in Eastern Europe, 1890-1945 (2000) H 292-321
- C. Browning, Ordinary Men. Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland, (1992) H (for argument)

On Mussolini's End:

- M. Ebner, Ordinary Violence in Mussolini's Italy (2011) online, 259-268
- P. Corner, The Fascist Party and Popular Opinion in Mussolini's Italy (2012) H, 245-274
- R.J.B. Bosworth, Mussolini's Italy. Life Under the Fascist Dictatorship, 1915-1945, (2005) chs. 16-17 H

Thoughtful on larger philosophic issues:

Inga Clendinnen, Reading the Holocaust, H

On Holocaust Denial (and the David Irving Trial):

R. Evans, Lying About Hitler, H

Re: David Irving: <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/59859.html>

Topics:

Holocaust Historiography

Instruments and Agents of Barbarization: Perpetrators

Italy at War, Mussolini's Fall and the Republic of Salo

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS BY WEEK AND TOPIC

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Economic History Review	EcHR
German Studies Review	GSR
Historical Journal	HJ
History Workshop	HistWorkshop
Journal of Contemporary History	JContHist
Journal of Economic History	EcH
Journal of Modern History	JMH
Journal of Social History	JSH
New York Review of Books	NYR
Past and Present	P&P
Slavic Review	SR

I. INTRODUCTION: POLITICS IN A NEW KEY

C. Schorske, Fin de Siècle Vienna. Politics and Culture (1980) R (ch. 3)

A. De Grand, Italian Fascism: Its Origin and Development (1989), 3-14

D. Blackbourn and Geoff Eley, The Peculiarities of German History, 261-276

G. Eley, "The German Right: How it Changed" in Eley, ed., From Unification to Nazism

G. Eley, Reshaping the German Right.

J. Gregor, The Ideology of Fascism, (1969)

H. S. Hughes, Consciousness and Society; the Reorientation of European Social Thought 1890-1930 (1958)

R. Kosher, Social Life, Local Politics and Nazism. Marburg 1880-1935 H

E. Kurlander, The Price of Exclusion : Ethnicity, National Identity, and the

Decline of German Liberalism, 1898-1933 (2006)

R. Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism

S. Payne, A History of Fascism, Intro., ch's 1-2

II. WORLD WAR I, REVOLUTION AND COUNTERREVOLUTION

E. Ablovatski, "Between Red Army and White Guard: Women in Budapest, 1919" in N. Wingfield and M. Bucur, eds., Gender and War in 20th-Century Eastern Europe (2006)

W. Angress, The Stillborn Revolution (1966) H

J. Baird, To Die for Germany: Heroes in the Nazi Pantheon (1990) R

L. Benadusi, "*Borghesi* in Uniform: Masculinity, Militarism, and the Brutalization of Politics from the First World War to the Rise of Facscism" in Albanese & Pergher, In the Society of Fascists. (2012), (E-book), 29-48

R. Bessel, Germany after the First World War (1993) H

B. Crim, "'Our Most Serious Enemy': The Specter of Judaeo-Bolshevism in the German Military Community, 1914-1923" in CEH 44 (2011) 624-641

B. Davis, Home Fires Burning: Food, politics, and everyday Life in World War I Berlin (2000)

E. Domansky, "Militarization and Reproduction in World War I Germany" in Eley, ed. Society, Culture and the State in Germany, 1870-1930

G. Feldman, Army, Industry and Labor in Germany 1914-1918 (1966) (Classic)

P. Fritzsche, Rehearsals for Fascism (1990), H; chs 2 & 3

R. Gerwarth, "The Central European Counterrevolution: Paramilitary Violence in Germany, Austria, and Hungary after the Great War" in P&P (August 2008), 175-209

R. Gerwarth and John Horne, "The Great War and Paramilitarism in Europe, 1917-1923" in ContEH (2010), 267-273

R. Gerwarth & J. Horne, eds., War in Peace. Paramilitary Violence in Europe After the Great War (2012) H

P. Hanebrink, In Defense of Christian Hungary. Religion, Nationalism, and Antisemitism, 1890-1944, (2006), especially 59-89

P. Hanebrink, "Transnational Culture War: Christianity, Nation, and the Judeo-Bolshevik Myth in Hungary, 1890-1920" in JMH, vol. 80/1 (March 2008)

M. Healy, "Civilizing the Soldier in Postwar Austria" in N. Wingfield and M. Bucur, eds., Gender and War in 20th-Century Eastern Europe

M. Healey, "Women, the State, and Citizenship in World War I" CEH 35/1

M. Healy, Vienna and the Fall of the Habsburg Empire. Total War and Everyday Life in World War I (2004)

Young-Sun Hong, "World War I and the German Welfare State: Gender, religion, and the Paradoxes of Modernity, in Eley, ed., Society, Culture, and the State in Germany 1870-1930

John Horne & Alan Kramer, German Atrocities, 1914: A History of Denial (2001)

Isabel Hull, Absolute Destruction. Military Culture and the Practices of War in

- Imperial Germany (2005), chapter 10, “Civilians as Objects of Military Necessity”
- M. Kellogg, The Russian Roots of Nazism: White Émigrés and the Making of National Socialism, 1917-1945 (2005)
- J. Kocka, Facing Total War: German Society 1914-1918 (1984) H, especially ch. 3 on wartime divisions in the *Mittelstand*
- K. Kopp, Germany’s Wild East: Constructing Poland as Colonial Space (2012)
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