

QUEENS COLLEGE – DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY COLLOQUIUM – FALL 2020

392W (02) 47437

Professor M. Rossabi

CHINA AND THE WORLD

Mondays 1:40-4:30pm

After discussions of traditional Chinese foreign policy, the Silk Roads, and the impacts of Mongol and Manchu rule over China, the course focuses on nineteenth to twenty-first century's Chinese relations with foreign states. Special emphases on the role of Western countries and Japan from 1842 to 1949 and on the People's Republic of China's contacts with the USSR and Russia, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa

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WEIMER GERMANY – POLITICS & CULTURE

Professor J. Sneeringer

Thursdays 12:15-3:05pm

This colloquium will explore the intersections between culture and politics in Weimar Germany. Weimar is known for its avant-garde art, sexual nonconformity, and vibrant modernity, but it also saw Germany's disastrous slide into Nazism. How can we reconcile these two images? As we explore the period from the November 1918 revolution to Hitler's ascent to power in January 1933, we will try to understand the cultural climate in which Weimar politics operated, as well as the charged political climate that produced some of the boldest art of modern times. This course also serves as a companion to my online course on the TV series *Babylon Berlin* (HIST 370).

392W (04) 47442 WATERSHED ELECTIONS OF THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY

Professor P. Conolly-Smith Wednesdays 1:40-4:30pm

This course examines watershed American elections of the 20th and 21st centuries. Topics include the origins of the U.S. two-party system and the electoral college; third-party candidates; "states' rights"; "Southern Strategies"; and Populisms old and new (including Trump's MAGA movement and Bernie Sanders's Revolution). The course will focus in particular on the elections of 1896, 1912, 1928, 1932, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2000, 2008, and 2016. Why did people vote the way they did in these key elections? How were voters swayed by some of the key considerations that influence U.S. elections, including in particular the economy; race politics; and domestic vs. foreign policy? Throughout, we will apply our insights to the ongoing developments in the current, 2020 presidential campaign.

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RESPONSES TO THE HOLOCAUST

Professor E. Bemporad

Thursdays 4:30-7:20pm

This course explores the different reactions of individual Jews and Jewish communities to the "Final Solution," or the plan to exterminate the Jews of Europe implemented by the Germans during World War II. The course will study in particular manifestations of spiritual, cultural, and armed resistance in the midst of persecution and destruction. By shifting the focus away from the perpetrators and bringing back the voices of the victims, this course will investigate the multifaceted response to the Holocaust, which varied according to gender, age, geography, Jewish-Gentile relations, and the agenda of local Nazi officials and their collaborators. This course will focus primarily on the fate of the Jews in Eastern Europe. Memoirs, diaries, autobiographies, and other witness accounts will be the primary readings for this course.

ATTENTION: HISTORY MAJORS
DEPARTMENTAL
PRE-REGISTRATION FOR
COLLOQUIUM (392W) COURSES
FOR FALL 2020 SEMESTER

**WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY,
MARCH 16TH AND RUNS THRU
THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH.**

**YOU MUST BE A HISTORY MAJOR
AND A JUNIOR OR SENIOR TO
REGISTER.**

**IF YOU WISH TO REGISTER FOR
THESE COURSES - YOU MUST DO
SO THROUGH THE HISTORY
DEPT.**