

HIS 350L-Germany Since Hitler, 1933 to the present (Spring 2011)

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Office Hours:5-6:15 pm
or by appointment.

THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSE:

This seminar will analyze the effects of Hitler's dictatorship upon German society, politics, economy and culture. It will explore the consequences of defeat, occupation, the Cold War and the political division of Germany after 1945. It will also compare and contrast the history and development of East and West Germany in the years between 1949 and 1989. Finally, the course will examine some of the consequences and prospects created by the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989 and the unification of East and West Germany in 1990.

REQUIRED READINGS:

(Books marked with * are available as electronic resources from the UT-Library system at no charge with your UT-EID. Please feel free to read these materials on-line if you prefer.)

*David F. Crew, editor, *Nazism and German Society, 1933-1945*(London and New York,1995)

Primo Levi, *Survival in Auschwitz*

Hanna Schissler,editor, *The Miracle Years. A Cultural History of West Germany 1949-1968*(Princeton,2001)

Katherine Pence and Paul Betts, editors, *Socialist Modern.East German Everyday Culture and Politics*(Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2008).

*David F. Crew, editor, *Consuming Germany in the Cold War*(Oxford and New York: Berg, 2003)

Peter Schneider, *The Wall Jumper. A Berlin Story* (Chicago,1983)

Anna Funder, *Stasiland. Stories from Behind the Berlin Wall* (London: Granta Books, 2004)

*Daphne Berdahl, *Where the World Ended. Re-Unification and Identity in the German Borderland*((Berkeley/Los Angeles/London, 1999)

We will also be working intensively with documents and images on this Website

<http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm>

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/GRADING

This is a substantial writing component course. You will be required to write three critical essays (6-8 pages each) which analyze the problems posed by selected readings from the above assigned reading list (each of these three essays is worth 20% of your final grade). You are encouraged to hand in rough drafts of each of these longer essays no less than 10 days before the due date for each assignment (Final version of the first essay

is due no later than February 28. Final version of the second essay is due no later than April 4. All remaining written assignments are due no later than 10 pm. on May 13). In addition, you are each required to give two in-class reports (details to follow); one on a document you select from the Website, "German History in Documents and Images" (<http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm>) and a second on an image that appears on this same Website. Each of these assignments counts for 10% of your final grade. Class attendance and participation count for 20 per cent of your final grade. I will be using the full range of +/- grades.

The schedule of classes is as follows:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment/Reading</u>
January 19	Introduction	
January 24, 26, 31	Nazi Germany and the Holocaust	Crew(1995)
February 2,7,9	Nazi Germany and the Holocaust	Crew(1995)/Levi/ Film: "Night & Fog"+Moeller pdf file Schissler
February 14,16 and http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm	West Germany after 1945	Schissler
February 21, 23 and http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm	West Germany after 1945	Schissler
February 28, March 2 and http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm	East Germany, from the 1950s to the 1980s	Pence & Betts
March 7 & 9 and http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm	East Germany, from the 1950s to the 1980s	Pence & Betts
----- March 14-20 Spring Break -----		
March 21 & 23	Consuming Germany in the Cold War	Crew(2003).
March 28 & 30	Living with the Wall	Film: "The Lives of Others" and Funder
April 4 & 6	Living With the Wall	Schneider

and <http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm>

April 11 & 13 The Fall of the Wall, 1989 <http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm>

April 18 & 20 After the Wall, 1989 to the present
<http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm>
 (Film; “Goodbye Lenin”)

April 25 & 27 After the Wall, 1989 to the present(continued) Berdahl

May 2 & 4 Germany Today <http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm>

LAST CLASS DAY-May 6

All outstanding written assignments are due no later than 10 pm. on Friday, May 13.

A note on e-mails—please feel free to e-mail me at any time if you have questions. You can also submit any of the written assignments via e-mail. Please, however, make sure to include your essay in the body of the e-mail message as well as in the form of an attachment; sometimes, there may be a problem opening your attachment and this method ensures that I will get a version of your paper if the attachment fails to open.

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