This course is about European interaction with the rest of the world in the early modern period at a time when European hegemony is still in the future. The focus is on Europeans and on the peoples they encountered. We look at the forces at work within Europe and the factors at work in "expansion." We then look at situations where Europe became involved with other societies prior to 1700. They include 1) The Mediterranean Sea, 2) the Afro-Euro-American tropical Atlantic, 3) the Americas, and 4) the Indian Ocean and Asia. In some cases lectures will fill in around assigned books, in others they will analyze the books themselves.

There are no exams. Students will write FOUR SHORT ESSAYS BASED ON SPECIFIC READINGS. All four must be submitted to qualify for a passing grade, but I will drop the weakest essay grade before grading. Each of the best three essays will be worth 33% of the final grade.

ESSAYS: The four short essays will be on specified readings with topics that I suggest. 3-5 pages, typed, double-spaced, inch margins.

REQUIRED BOOKS (At GROUNDWORKS BOOKSTORE):


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**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Weeks 1 & 2 (3-4 lectures)**

I. Basic Concepts and Dynamic forces inside Europe
   - Demographic trends
   - Revival of state authority
   - Religion, technology and military power
   - Private and public enterprise
   - Trade, politics, and power in various arenas
   - Trade diasporas and World Systems
Religion and Empire
Local and large-scale organization
Dynamic areas: China, Africa, Indian, Middle East, and America

READINGS
Brummett, *Ottoman Seapower*, pp. 1-20, 123-130
Conrad and Demarest, *Religion and Empire*, pp. 109
Thornton, *Africa and Africans*, pp. 1-9

Weeks 3 (3-4 lectures)

II. Europe, Turkey, and the Mediterranean
   Crusades
   Trade
   Armenians and Persia
   Consolidation Turkish Power
   Evolution of Habsburg-Spanish Empire
   The “stand-off”

READINGS:
Brummett, *Ottoman Seapower*, chapters 2, 4, 5

FIRST PAPER DUE APRIL 15

Weeks 4 & 5 (5-6 lectures)

IV. The Afro-Euro-Atlantic World
   Atlantic Islands
   Mainland Africa
   Emergence of plantation society
   Uniqueness of Atlantic world (Land, Labor, Management, Capital)
   Legacy

READINGS
Thornton, *Africa and Africans*, pp. 10-304
Fernandez-Armeto, *Before Columbus*, Pt. II, chapters 6, 7, 8

SECOND PAPER DUE APRIL 29
Weeks 6 & 7 (5-6 lectures)

V. Integrating America into the world
Aztecs, Incas, Iroquois, Hurons
Spanish control
Construction of empire
Role of silver
Colonists, Indians in early Anglo-America

READINGS
Conrad and Demarest, *Religion and Empire*, pp. 11-70, 84-139, 152-87
Clendinnen, *Ambivalent Conquests*, ALL (pp. 1-192)
FROM ELECTRONIC RESERVES:

THIRD PAPER DUE MAY 16

Weeks 8 & 9

VI. Indian Ocean and Asia to 1700
China as Maritime power
Turks, Portuguese, Mughals
Portuguese, Philippines, Japan, Spain
Dutch and English
China, Japan, Europeans: Jesuits, Silver, Trade and Conversion

READINGS
Brummett, *Ottoman Seapower*, chapters 3, 6
Levathes, *When China Ruled the Seas*
Pearson, *Port Cities and Intruders, The Swahili Coast, India, and Portugal*, pp. 5-154
ELECTRONIC RESERVES:
“The Role of Interpreters, or Linguas, in the Portuguese Empire During

Last Two Lectures

VII. What about China?

VIII. The Europe/World Interaction as of 1700

READINGS
Conrad and Demarest, Religion and Empire, pp. 191-226
Pearson, Port Cities and Intruders, pp. 155-165

The FOURTH ESSAY may be submitted in the last week of classes or during finals week UP TO THE TIME SCHEDULED FOR THE FINAL EXAM (THURSDAY, JUNE 9). PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 2PM THAT DAY.