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HIEU 126 / EUROPEAN EXPANSION, 1400-1700

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EUROPEANS ABROAD, 1400-1700

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):

Blussé, Leonard. *Bitter Bonds: A Colonial Divorce Drama of the Seventeenth Century* (Princeton: Markus Wiener, 2002) ISBN 1-55876-253-1  
Brummett, Palmira. *Ottoman Seapower and Levantine Diplomacy in the Age of Discovery* (Albany: SUNY Press, 1994) ISBN 0-791-41702-6  
Clendinnen, Inga. *Ambivalent Conquests: Maya and Spaniard in Yucatan, 1517-1570* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988)  
Conrad, Geoffrey and Arthur Demarest. *Religion and Empire: The Dynamics of Aztec and Inca Expansionism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988) ISBN 0-521-31896-3

Fernandez-Armesto, Felipe. *Before Columbus: Exploration and Colonization from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic, 1229-1492* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press) ISBN 0-813-21421-9

Louise Levathes, *When China Ruled the Seas: The Treasure Fleet of the Dragon Throne, 1405-1433* (Oxford University Press; Reprint edition, 1996) ISBN: 0195112075

Pearson, Michael N. *Port Cities and Intruders: The Swahili Coast, India, and Portugal in the Early Modern Era*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998). ISBN 0-8018-7242-1

Thornton, John, *Africa and Africans in the making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1680* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992) ISBN 0-521-62724-9

**AVAILABLE as ELECTRONIC RESERVES** <http://reserves.ucsd.edu>  
(For access from off-campus, consult library for proxy server access)

“European *Natios* in the Arabian Seas.” Ch. 3 of R. J. Barendse, *The Arabian Seas: The Indian Ocean World of the Seventeenth Century* (London: M. E. Sharpe, 2002), pp. 87-116.

“Mirror Images” and “Indian Politics.” Chs. 1 and 3 of Karen Ordahl Kupperman, *Indians and English: Facing Off in Early America* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2000), pp. 16-40, 77-109.

“The Middle Ground.” Ch. 2 of Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, empires, and republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991), pp. 50-93.

“The Role of Interpreters, or *Linguas*, in the Portuguese Empire During the 16<sup>th</sup> Century,” by Dejanirah Couto, in *e-Journal of Portuguese History*, 1:2 (2003), pp. 1-10.

“Portuguese Conceptual Categories and the “Other” Encounter on the Swahili Coast,” by Jeremy Prestholdt. In *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 34:4 (2001), pp. 53-76.

## 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:

Fernandez Armesto, *Before Columbus*, Pt. I, chapters 1-5  
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-Armesto, *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:

“Mirror Images” and “Indian Politics.” Chs. 1 and 3 of Karen Ordahl Kupperman, *Indians and English: Facing Off in Early America* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2000), pp. 16-40, 77-109.  
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## 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

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## **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.**