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### History of European Conservatism Fall 2022 Syllabus

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European Conservatism and the Extreme Right  
History 35400/G  
Fall 2022  
J. Lewis, Instructor

**Required Texts:** Immanuel Wallerstein, *The World System IV:*

*Liberal Centrism Triumphant, 1789-1914*

On-line and distributed texts and digital content as indicated on the syllabus

Revolution and the Birth of Modern Conservatism Aug 29-31

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, 1790

(in Content folder on Blackboard)

Maximillian Robespierre, "On Political Morality," February 1794

<https://revolution.chnm.org/d/413>

Joseph de Maistre, *Considerations on France*, 1796

Chaps I, IV, V and VI of the online text

[http://maistre.uni.cx/considerations\\_on\\_france.html](http://maistre.uni.cx/considerations_on_france.html)

**Optional:** BBC Podcasts on Burke and the French Reign of Terror on Blackboard

Restoration and Romanticism

Sept 7-12

Wallerstein, Chapter 1

The Carlsbad Decree, 1819

<http://history.hanover.edu/texts/carlsbad.html>

The Combination Act, 1800

<https://www.marxists.org/history/england/combination-laws/combination-laws-1800.htm>

**Optional:** "Revolutions" Podcast on Klemens von Metternich in Blackboard Folder

Classical Liberalism from Left to Right

Sept 14

Wallerstein, Chapter 2

J.B. Say Against Slavery; Defending Property Rights; Against Colonialism, 18th century:

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes/151>

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes/152>

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes/222>

Francois Guizot and the Centrist Liberalism of the July Monarchy in France 1830s-40s:

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1848guizot.html>

Herbert Spencer on the Right to Property; Private Enterprise vs State Action;

Individuals' Right to Ignore the State and Its Requirements, 1850s-80s:

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes/475>

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes/513>

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes/154>

Religious Reactions to Modernity Sept 19

Pope Pius IX, *The Syllabus of Modernist Errors*, 1864

<http://www.papalencyclicals.net/Pius09/p9syll.htm>

N. R. Needham, "An Overview of the Nineteenth Century," May 2019

<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2019/05/overview-nineteenth-century/>

The Positivism and the Scientism of the Right

Sept 21

Wallerstein, Chapter 5

Arthur de Gobineau, *On the Inequality of Human Races*, 1842,

- Select two chapters to analyze of the online text

<https://ia800501.us.archive.org/27/items/inequalityofhuma00gobi/inequalityofhuma00gobi.pdf>

Otto von Bismarck and the Conservationism of the Welfare State

Sept 28-Oct 3

Wallerstein, Chapter 3

A Brief Biography of Otto von Bismarck

[https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Otto\\_von\\_Bismarck](https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Otto_von_Bismarck)

The German Anti-Socialist Law of 1878

[http://ghdi.ghi-dc.org/sub\\_document.cfm?document\\_id=1843](http://ghdi.ghi-dc.org/sub_document.cfm?document_id=1843)

*Smithsonian Magazine*, "Bismarck Tried to End the Grip of Socialism – by Offering Government Healthcare," 2017

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/bismarck-tried-end-socialisms-grip-offering-government-healthcare-180964064/>

Bruce Barlett, "A Conservative Case for the Welfare State," *Dissent Magazine*, 2015

[https://www.dissentmagazine.org/online\\_articles/bruce-bartlett-conservative-case-for-welfare-state](https://www.dissentmagazine.org/online_articles/bruce-bartlett-conservative-case-for-welfare-state)

**Optional:** BBC Podcast on Otto von Bismarck in Blackboard Folder

The New Extreme Right I: The Boulanger Crisis, 1886-89

Oct 12

Wallerstein, Chapter 4

*The Program of General Boulanger*, 1888

<https://www.marxists.org/history/france/boulanger/1888/program.htm>

M. Abidor, *General Boulanger and the Boulangist Movement*

<https://www.marxists.org/history/france/boulanger/biography.htm>

Gustav Le Bon, *The Crowd*, 1888 **Preface and Introduction, pp. 4-20 only of the text**

<http://socserv.socsci.mcmaster.ca/~econ/ugcm/3ll3/lebon/Crowds.pdf>

The New Extreme Right II: Political Anti-Semitism

Oct 17-19

Edouard Drumont, *The Jews Against France*, 1898

<https://www.marxists.org/history/france/dreyfus-affair/drumont.htm>

Bernard Lazare, *Antisemitism and Revolution*, 1899

<https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/lazare-bernard/1899/antisemitism.htm>

Ryan Buesnel, "German Anti-Semitism in Context 4: Adolf Stoecker" January 2022  
<https://ryanbuesnel.com/2022/01/13/german-anti-semitism-in-context-part-4-adolf-stoecker/>

**Optional: BBC Podcast on the Dreyfus Affair in Blackboard Folder**

Conservative Reform in Imperial Russia Fails Oct 24-26  
**Count Sergi Witte, "Report on the Economic Challenge to Russia,"**  
<https://pages.uoregon.edu/kimball/wtt.on.ekn.htm>  
**Attempts to Strengthen Czardom: P. Stolypin's Reform Plans, pp. 1-5 of the online text**  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2prcdm/revision/1>  
**The Durnovo Memo to Nicholas II on Dangers of Joining a European War, Feb. 1914**  
<http://pages.uoregon.edu/kimball/durnovo.htm>

Imperialism, War, and Fascism Oct 31-Nov 2  
**Hobsbawm, Chapters 2 and 3**  
**B. Mussolini, *The Doctrine of Fascism*, 1932**  
<http://www.worldfuturefund.org/wffmaster/Reading/Germany/mussolini.htm>

Two Speeches by A. Hitler on his Ideology and Policy Nov 7-16  
<https://alphahistory.com/nazigermany/hitler-on-russia-and-bolshevism-1924-2/>  
<https://alphahistory.com/nazigermany/hitler-explains-his-political-agenda-1933/>

Two Examples of NSDAP State Policy and Ideology  
<https://alphahistory.com/nazigermany/law-for-the-protection-of-hereditary-health-1933/>  
<https://alphahistory.com/nazigermany/nazi-history-teaching-guidelines-from-the-nsdap/>

Is Christian Democracy Left or Right? Nov 21-28  
**Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum* (On New Things), 1891**  
<http://www.papalencyclicals.net/Leo13/l13rerum.htm>  
**Ludwig Erhard, *Prosperity Through Competition*, Chapter 12**  
<http://mises.org/library/german-miracle-vs-welfare-state>  
**Robert Schuman, Declaration Proposing European Integration, 1950**  
[http://europa.eu/abc/symbols/9-may/decl\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/abc/symbols/9-may/decl_en.htm)  
**Video: Christian Democracy in European Politics – Prof. C. Accetti of CCNY in Blackboard**

The Rise and Decline of Neo-Liberalism?, 1975-2008

Nov 30-Dec 5

**Milton Friedman on the War on Drugs, NYC's Fiscal Crisis, the "right" to social welfare**

[https://miltonfriedman.hoover.org/friedman\\_images/Collections/2016c21/NYT\\_01\\_11\\_1998.pdf](https://miltonfriedman.hoover.org/friedman_images/Collections/2016c21/NYT_01_11_1998.pdf)

[https://miltonfriedman.hoover.org/friedman\\_images/Collections/2016c21/NW\\_11\\_17\\_1975.pdf](https://miltonfriedman.hoover.org/friedman_images/Collections/2016c21/NW_11_17_1975.pdf)

[https://miltonfriedman.hoover.org/friedman\\_images/Collections/2016c21/NW\\_12\\_18\\_1972.pdf](https://miltonfriedman.hoover.org/friedman_images/Collections/2016c21/NW_12_18_1972.pdf)

**J. Nussbaum, "The Night New York Saved Itself from Bankruptcy," *The New Yorker*, October 16, 2015**

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-night-new-york-saved-from-bankruptcy>

**Margaret Thatcher, Speech "The Renewal of Britain", 1979**

<http://www.margaretthatcher.org/speeches/displaydocument.asp?docid=104107>

**George W. Bush, Address on the Economic Crisis, September 24, 2008**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsDmPEurfA>

**Thomas Piketty, "New Thoughts on Capital in the 21st Century," TedTalk, June 2014**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/thomas\\_piketty\\_new\\_thoughts\\_on\\_capital\\_in\\_the\\_twenty\\_first\\_century](https://www.ted.com/talks/thomas_piketty_new_thoughts_on_capital_in_the_twenty_first_century)

**A. C. Kaufman, "The 1-Star Amazon Reviews of Thomas Piketty's Book Are Pretty Funny," *Huffington Post*, December 6, 2017**

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/04/25/piketty-amazon-reviews\\_n\\_5212386.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/04/25/piketty-amazon-reviews_n_5212386.html)

The New Radical Right: Multi-Culturalism's Comeuppance

Dec 7-12

**Aberto Spektorowski, "The French New Right: Differentialism and the Idea of Ethnophilian Exclusionism," 2000**

<http://www.jstor.org/ccny-proxy1.libr.ccny.cuny.edu/stable/pdfplus/10.2307/3235491.pdf> (on JSTOR)

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