HI203: The European World, 1500 to 1750
Seminar Readings
Term 1, 2018/19

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Week 1: Introduction, and Europe in 1500


Week 2: Social Relationships

Compulsory Readings:
1. Elizabethan Sumptuary Laws: http://elizabethan.org/sumptuary/
   Please make sure you read all the statues:
   - Who Wears What I (Enforcing Statutes of Apparel, issued at Greenwich, 15 June 1574, 16 Elizabeth I);
   - Who Wears What II (Enforcing Statutes of Apparel, issued at Westminster, 6 May 1562, 4 Elizabeth I);
   - Concerning Ruffs, Hose, and Swords (Issued at Westminster, 6 May 1562, 4 Elizabeth I);
   - Fines (Noting Certain Statutes to be Enforced, issued by the Privy Council, Westminster, 7 May 1562, 4 Elizabeth I);
   - Concerning Horses (Enforcing Statutes of Apparel, issued Westminster, 7 May 1562, 4 Elizabeth I)

Pick one of the one of the two chapters below (there is no advantage to picking either chapter, and you are of course welcome to read both):
**Week 3: Gender**

Compulsory Readings:

- John Knox, *The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women* (Geneva, 1558). Especially the sections ‘The First Blast to Awaken Women Degenerate’ and ‘Common Objections Answered’.
  

- Elizabeth I, Speech to the Troops assembled at Tilbury, 9 August 1588.
  


Pick one of the one of the two articles below (there is no advantage to picking either chapter, and you are of course welcome to read both):


Optional:


**Week 4: Trans-Cultural Contacts**

- An Aztec account of the Conquest of Mexico.
  
  Link: [https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/aztecs1.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/aztecs1.asp)

  

- Excerpts from Hernan Cortés’s Second Letter to Charles V (1520).
  
  Link: [https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/1520cortes.asp](https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/1520cortes.asp)


Week 5: The Early Modern Economy

- Read the accounts of the Sidney family.
  Link: https://www.english.cam.ac.uk/ceres/sidneiana/nevitt.htm
- View ‘Men’s and Women’s Work Clothing: A Portfolio of Images’
  Link: http://www.uvm.edu/~hag/sca/work/index.html

Week 7: The Medieval Legacy

- Catholic Doctrinal Documents on the Seven Sacraments.
  Link: https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1438sacraments.asp

Week 8: The Reformation and Religious Change

- Martin Luther, 95 Theses.
  Link: http://www.iclnet.org/pub/resources/text/wittenberg/luther/web/ninetyfive.html
- Martin Luther, Address To The Nobility of the German Nation (1520), ‘Introduction’, and ‘The Three Walls Of The Romanists’ (i.e., stop reading at ‘Of The Matters To Be Considered In The Councils’).
  Link: https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/luther-nobility.asp
Week 9: Calvinism and Religious Radicals

- Calvin’s *On Predestination*.
  Link: https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/calvin-predest.asp

Week 10: The Counter-Reformation / The Catholic Reformation

- Profession of Faith (Tridentine Creed).
  Link: http://www.traditionalcatholic.net/Tradition/Prayer/Tridentine_Creed.html
- Decrees from the 6th session of the Council of Trent (1547). (Focus on ‘On Justification’, but please do skim the ‘Decree on Justification’ and ‘Decree on Reformation’).
  Link: https://history.hanover.edu/texts/trent/ct06.html