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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

11:25 - 1:45

History of the Family

This survey traces the major social, cultural, legal, economic and demographic changes in the European family from 1500-present. Topical emphases include authority, motherhood, childhood, marriage, divorce, and deviance. The goal of this course is to develop an understanding of the relationship between the family and broader historical processes in modern and early modern Europe.

Course Requirements:

Two short papers (5-8 pages) based on assigned readings: 30% each = 60%

Take-home final.....30%

Class participation 10%

Papers must be submitted in person. Papers will not be accepted via e-mail or facsimile, and grades will be reduced if papers are turned in late.

Students must comply with University policy on academic integrity as set forth in section three of the *Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* distributed by the Office of Campus Life (also available on-line).

If you are a student with a documented disability on record at Brandeis University and wish to have a reasonable accommodation made for you in class, please see me immediately. Please bear in mind that accommodations are not made retroactively.

Texts may be purchased at the bookstore. All materials are on reserve at the library. In addition, readings not appearing in the required texts and lectures are available on LATTE, (on reserve) or JSTOR. Films are available on LATTE, (on reserve), or will be shown in class. Please see me immediately if you have any difficulties accessing the material.

The uses of some of the text books are optional, but highly recommended. Reading the materials utilized for class discussions, (articles available on JSTOR, assigned readings, and lecture materials) is required.

Recommended texts:

Corbin, Alain, *Women for Hire: Prostitution and Sexuality in France after 1850*, Cambridge and London: Harvard University Press, 1990.

Goldman, Wendy Z., *Women, the State and Revolution: Soviet Family Policy and Social Life, 1917 – 1936*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.

Hufton, Olwen, *The Prospect before Her: A History of Women in Western Europe, 1500 – 1800*, New York: Vintage Books, 1998.

Mazower, Mark, *Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century*, New York: Vintage Books, 2000.

Siedenburg, Pieter, *The Broken Spell: A Cultural and Anthropological History of Preindustrial Europe*, New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1991.

Required texts:

Kertzer, David I. and Mario Barbagli, eds., *The History of the European Family: Family Life in Early Modern Times, 1500 - 1789*, vol. 1. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2001.

Kertzer, David I. and Mario Barbagli, eds., *The History of the European Family: Family Life in the Long Nineteenth Century, 1789 - 1913*, vol. 2. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2002.

Chekhov, Anton P., Eugene K. Bristow, ed., *Anton Chekhov's Plays*, New York and London: W. W. Norton, 1977.

Ibsen, Henrik, *The Wild Duck and Hedda Gabler*, New York and London: W. W. Norton, 1997.

Monday, June 1

Introduction

Tuesday, June 2

The Early Modern Period

Constructing the Family, The French Case, Infanticide and Other Crimes

Olwen Hufton, *The Prospect before Her*, Chapters 1,2, 5, 6,9; Raffaella Sarti, “The Material Conditions of Family Life,” in Kertzer vol. 1, 3 – 23.

Thursday, June 4

Reformation and Counter Reformation, The Family, and The Witch Persecutions

Jeffrey R. Watt, "The Impact of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation," in Kertzer, vol. 1, 125 – 156.

Merry E. Wiesner-Hanks, "Witchcraft" and "Gender in the Colonial World" in Wiesner-Hanks, 252-276, and 303-335

The Enlightenment

Margaret J.M. Ezell, "John Locke's Images of Childhood: Early Eighteenth Century Response to Some Thoughts Concerning Education," *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, 17/2: 139-155.

Monday, June 8

The Long 19th Century

Martine Segalen, "Material Conditions of Family Life," in Kertzer, vol. 2, 3 – 39.

Lecture: Children and Childhood in Western Society

Rachel G. Fuchs, "Charity and Welfare," in Kertzer, vol. 2, 155 – 194.

Film: *Woyzeck* (2000)

Tuesday, June 9

Mary Jo Maynes, "Class, Cultures and Images of Proper Family Life," in Kertzer, vol. 2, 195 – 228.

Alain Corbin, *Women for Hire*, Part II - "Sexual Privation and the Demand for Prostitution," 186 – 214.

Loftur Guttormsson, "Parent-Child Relations," in Kertzer, vol. 2, 251 – 281.

Josef Ehmer, "Marriage," in Kertzer, vol. 2, 282 – 321.

Thursday, June 11

Film: *Madame Bovary* (1991)

The World of Ibsen and the 19th Century Family

Henrik Ibsen, and "Hedda Gabler."

Monday, June 15

Paper No 1 due

Tuesday, June 16

Andrejs Plakans, “Agrarian Reform and the Family in Eastern Europe,” in Kertzer, vol. 2, 73 – 108.

Anton Chekhov, “The Three Sisters” and “The Cherry Orchard,” in Chekhov, 97 – 211.

Film: *A Room with a View* (1986)

Thursday, June 18

The 20th Century

Revolution and the Family in Russia

Wendy Z. Goldman, *Women, the State and Revolution: Soviet Family Policy and Social Life, 1917-1936*, Chapters, 1.

Film: *Bed and Sofa* (1927)

Monday, June 22

The European Family and the Two World Wars

The Family Politics of the Great Dictators

Film: *Svetlana about Svetlana* (2008)

The Nazi State and the Family

Mark Mazower, *Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century*, Chapter 3 – “Healthy Bodies, Sick Bodies”, 76 – 103.

Film: *Aimée & Jaguar* (1998)

Tuesday, June 23

Paper No 2 due

“The Golden Age” - Families of the 1950s

Film: *Revolutionary Road* (2008)

Monday, June 29

The Rebellious 1960s

Coming Apart and Radical Departures

Film: *La Notte* (1961)

Film: *Autumn Sonata* (1977)

Tuesday, July 1

The 1980s and Beyond

Papers Presentations

Film: *American Beauty* (1999)

Conclusion

FINAL PAPER: Due Friday, July 3, 10:00 am, in the History Office.

Late papers will result in incomplete.