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H645: Colloquium in East European History. Problems in Romanian Historiography

This course will provide the framework for discussing critically a series of important questions in Romanian history and examining the state of the current historiography on these issues. We will read a large number of studies written by Western Scholars (especially American), as well as some works written by Romanian and other non-English speaking European historians. Given the more intimate context of the course (there will be only 7 students enrolled, to my knowledge), I will count on all of you to participate in class discussion and to keep up with the readings.

Requirements:

1. Each student will have to submit a thoughtful question for that week's readings 8 times during the semester. The choice is yours, save for the week you are also slated for writing a historiographic review. The questions need not be long (in fact I'd like to urge everyone to keep to less than 150 words, if possible), but they should be thoughtful inquiries into the material you've read, not factual ones or pure opinion/speculation.
2. Each student will have to lead discussion twice. This means the assigned person will have the responsibility to open up discussion with some leading questions, trying to organize the questions received from classmates as per (1) and also adding her or his own agenda. If you wish to offer an outline at the beginning of class, to follow as we go through the discussion, that's fine, but not required. You may not lead discussion the same week you're writing a historiographic essay.
3. each student will have to write two historiographic essays based on the topics covered during those two weeks. You will have to cover the readings assigned for everyone that week, the additional bibliography, and in some cases, you will have a choice there (you need to cover at least 5 books), and you might, if you have a strong preference, also include other books. For those who want to be bold and do more comparative work, it would also be appropriate to cover the required readings for the respective week, 1-2 more books from the additional bibliography, and then another 2-3 books that focus on similar themes in a different setting. The essays are to be 12-15 pages long. Because the last week of the semester includes only a common reading, you will have to choose from among weeks 2-14 for your topic. There are enough readings during week 3 to

allow for two people to write essays without having to bother each other about sharing books.

Required readings:

Our readings include both this core of required books, as well as a number of selections from books placed on reserve (I will give the page numbers for these selections, you will have to photocopy them yourselves), plus some selections available on-line. I will set up an on-course list of readings available on-line. Due to the university's stringent policy on photocopying this year, the responsibility of securing an individual copy of the material rests in your hands (or pocket, I should say). It's an unpleasant detail to accentuate, but I have no choice in the matter. I've set up the cheapest possible alternative.

Lucian Boia, History and myth in Romanian consciousness
Keith Hitchins, Orthodoxy and nationality: Andreiu Saguna and the Rumanians of Transylvania, 1846-1873
Irina Livezeanu, Cultural Politics in Greater Romania
Mihail Sebastian, Journal
Radu Ioanid, The Holocaust in Romania : the destruction of Jews and Gypsies under the Antonescu regime, 1940-1944
Charles King, The Moldovans
Katherine Verdery, National Ideology Under Socialism
Gail Kligman, The Politics of Duplicity
Norman Manea: Compulsory Happiness
Peter Siani-Davis: The Romanian Revolution of 1989
Katherine Verdery, The Vanishing Hectare

Schedule of Meetings

Week 1, Aug. 29: Introduction and discussion about the course and assignments.

Week 2, Sept. 5: Important trends in Romanian historiography.

Lucian Boia, History and myth in Romanian consciousness

Other Readings:

Paul Hiemstra, Alexandru D. Xenopol and the development of Romanian historiography.

Fred Kellogg, A history of Romanian historical writing.

Michael Rura, Reinterpretation of history as a method of furthering communism in Romania.

Stephen Fischer-Galati, Slavic-Romanian relations in modern Romanian historiography.

Matila Ghyka, A documented chronology of Roumanian history from pre-historic times to the present day.

Vasile Maciu, Outline of Rumanian historiography until the beginning of the 20th century.

Al Zub, L' historiographie Roumaine a l' age de lasynthese: A.D. Xenopol.

A.D. Xenopol, Etudes historiques sur le peuple roumain.

Week 3, Sept 12: Nationalism in the 19th century.

Keith Hitchins, Orthodoxy and nationality: Andreiu Saguna and the Rumanians of Transylvania, 1846-1873; King Koreta Sata, The Idea of the "Nation" in Transylvaniam, in Balazs Trencsenyi, et al, eds, Nation Building and Contested Identities: Romanian and Hungarian Case Studies (pp. 61-81)

Other Readings:

Keith Hitchins, A nation discovered : Romanian intellectuals in Transylvania and the idea of nation, 1700-1848.

Sorin Mitu, National Identity for Romanians in Transylvania

Balazs Trencsenyi, et al, eds, Nation Building and Contested Identities: Romanian and Hungarian Case Studies

Keith Hitchins, Studies on Romanian national consciousness.

John F.Cadzow et al., eds. Transylvania. The Roots of Ethnic Conflict.

John Campbell, French influence and the rise of Roumanian nationalism.(on microfilm, sorry about that!)

William Oldson: A providential anti-Semitism: nationalism and polity in 19th century Romania

Cornelia Bodea and Virgil Candea. Transylvania in the History of the Romanians

Georgescu, Vlad, Political ideas and the enlightenment in the Romanian principalities, 1750-1831.

Const. Giurescu, Transylvania in the history of Romania: an historical outline.

Week 4, Sept 19: The Debate over Modernization in the late-19th century.

Fred. Kellogg, The road to Romanian independence, chs. 1-4; Ken Jowitt, Social Change in Romania, 1860-1940, essays by K. Jowitt, John Montias, and Andrew Janos; Al Zub, Culture and society: structures, interferences, analogies in the modern Romanian history, selections

Other readings:

Romania and Europe. Modernization as Temptation (ed. Volume, prof. Bucur has a copy)

Paul Blokker, Modernity in Romania : nineteenth century liberalism and its discontents(book available from Govt. Docs, it can't be placed on reserve)

Paul Michelson, Romanian Politics, 1859-1871.
Radu Florescu, The struggle against Russia in the Romanian principalities, 1821-1854.
Dan Berindei, Independent Romania, 1877.
Miron Constantinescu, ed, Unification of the Romanian national state.
Georgescu-Buzau, G., the 1848 revolution in the Rumanian lands.
Carol Iancu: Jews in Romania, 1866-1919: from exclusion to emancipation. (1996).
W.G.East, The union of Moldavia and Wallachia, 1859.
Barbara Jelavich, Russia and the formation of the Romanian national state, 1821-1878.
The Jews in Romanian History (ed. Conference volume) (to p. 141 prof. Bucur has copy)

Week 5, Sept. 26: Romania as Peasant Society: Social Structure and Politics

Daniel Chirot, Social change in a peripheral society , chapters 1, 5-8; Henry Roberts, Romania, chs. 1-4; Katherine Verdery, Transylvanian Villagers, ch. 6.

Other Readings:

Ion Ilincoiu, ed., The great Romanian peasant revolt of 1907
Philip Eidelberg, Great Rumanian Peasant Revolt (copy needs to be borrowed through interlibrary loan, ours is missing)
Henry Roberts, Romania: political problems of an agrarian state.(available though interlib. Loan or on microfilm)
Katherine Verdery, Transylvanian Villagers
David Mitrany, The land & the peasant in Rumania
Henri Stahl, Traditional Romanian village communities....
Nicolae Edroiu, Horea's uprising: the 1784 Romanian peasants' revolt.
Joseph Love, Crafting the Third World, selections on Romania.
Ofelia Vaduva, Steps towards the Sacred
N. Djuvara, Le pays roumain entre Orient et Occident: les principautes danubiennes au debut du XIXe siecle.

Week 6, Oct. 3: Politics in the Interwar period.

Irina Livezeanu, Cultural Politics in Greater Romania; Jowitt, Social change, essays by Daniel Chirot, Keith Hitchins.

Other Readings:

N. Nagy-Talavera, The Green Shirts and Others

Paul Quinlan, The playboy king: Carol II of Romania.
Alexander Webster, The Romanian Legionary Movement.
Emil Turdeanu, Modern Romania: the achievement of national unity, 1914-1920.
Gheorghe Iancu, The Ruling Council
Maria Bucur, Eugenics and Modernization in Interwar Romania
Zigu Ornea, The Romanian Extreme Right

Week 7, Oct. 10: Cultural life and the politics of identity in the interwar period.

Luminita Machedon, Romanian modernism : the architecture of Bucharest, 1920-1940, pp. 21-74 and 285-310; Mihail Sebastian, Journal, selections; Matei Calinescu, "The 1927 Generation in Romania," in *EEPS* vol. 15, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 649-677 [copy available in lib. And at REEI; both have a subscription to *EEPS*).

Other Readings:

Leon Volovici. Nationalist ideology and anti-Semitism: the case of Romanian Intellectuals
Z. Ornea, The Romanian Radical Right
Luminita Machedon, Romanian modernism
Mircea Eliade, The fate of Romanian culture (1995)
Mac Ricketts, Mircea Eliade: the Romanian Roots.
Emil Cioran, On the Heights of Despair

Week 8, Oct. 17: Romania during WWII; the Holocaust

Radu Ioanid, The Holocaust in Romania : the destruction of Jews and Gypsies under the Antonescu regime, 1940-1944; D. Giurescu and S. Fischer-Galati, Romania, a historic perspective, pp. 321-89; Maria Bucur, "Treznea. Trauma, Nationalism and the Memory of World War II in Romania." *Rethinking History* 6, no. 1 (2002): 35-55, available on-line at: <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/routledg/rrhi/2002/00000006/00000001/art00003>; Irina Lvezeanu, The Romanian Holocaust: Family Quarrels," in *EEPS*, vol 16. no 3 (Fall 2002): 934-947 [copy available in REEI or lib.]

Other readings:

Paul Quinlan, Clash over Romania: British and American Policies towards Romania.
Randolph L. Braham, ed., The Tragedy of Romanian Jewry
Larry Watts, Romanian Cassandra.
Kurt Treptow, ed., Romania and World War II.(selections in English).
Olimpiu Matichescu, The logic of history against the Vienna Diktat.

Week 9, Oct. 24: Politics of Ethnic Identity and Foreign Relations with the Soviet Union

Charles King, *The Moldovans*

Other readings:

Nicolae Edroiu, The Hungarians of Romania

Viorel Achim, The Roma in Romanian History

Giurescu, Dinu, Romania's Communist takeover : the Radescu government.

Reuben Markham, Rumania under the Soviet yoke.

Manoliu-Manea, Maria, The Tragic plight of a border area: Bessarabia and Bucovina.

Dennis Deletant, Communist Terror in Romania

Wim P. van Meurs, The Bessarabian question in communist historiography: nationalist and communist politics and history-writing.

Moldova : a Romanian province under Russian rule : diplomatic history from the archives of the great powers / by Marcel Mitrasca (available through interlib. Loan from IUPUI D651.B4 M55 2002)

Robert King, Minorities under communism (copy available at Law Library--DR48.5 .K48)

Marilyn Mcarthur, The Politics of Identity: Transylvanian Saxons in Socialist Romania.

George Schopflin, Romania's ethnic Hungarians (brief brochure, available in lib)

Week 10, Oct. 31: Nationalism and Communism under Ceausescu.

Katherine Verdery, *National Ideology Under Socialism*

Other Readings:

A. Gabanyi, The Ceau, sescu cult : propaganda and power policy in communist Romania

Al. Zub, ed., Sovietization in Romania and Czechoslovakia : history, analogies, consequences

Dennis Deletant, Ceausescu and the Securitate.

K. Jowitt, Revolutionary breakthroughs and national development

Gilberg, Trond, Nationalism and communism in Romania : the rise and fall of Ceausescu's personal dictatorship

Fischer, Mary Ellen. Nicolae Ceausescu : a study in political leadership.

Vladimir Tismaneanu, Stalinism for All Seasons

Bob Levy, Ana Pauker

Week 11, Nov. 7: The Social Transformation of Romania during the Communist period.

Gail Kligman, *The Politics of Duplicity*; Katherine Verdery. *What Was Socialism and What Comes Next?* Ch. 1, 2, 3.

Other Readings:

Michael Shafir, Romania, politics, economics, and society.
John Montias, Economic Development in Communist Rumania.
Trond Gilberg, Modernization in Romania since WWII.
Kideckel, David A., The solitude of collectivism : Romanian villagers to the revolution and beyond.
David Turnock, The Romanian economy in the twentieth century.
Gail Kligman, Wedding of the Dead.
Dinu Giurescu, The Razing of Romania's Past
Ghita Ionescu, Communism in Rumania, 1944-1962.

Week 12, Nov. 14: Writing Totalitarianism: Personal Narratives of Survival and Endurance

Norman Manea: Compulsory Happiness; G. Skilling, Samizdat and independent society in Central and Eastern Europe, selections tba; Lidia Vianu, Censorship in Romania, selections, tba.

Other Readings:

Lena Constante The Silent Escape
Adriana Georgescu, In the Beginning was the End (prof. Bucur has a copy; REEI might have a copy)
Herta Muller, The Land of Green Plums: A Novel
Anita Nandris-Cudla, Twenty Years in Siberia
Gabriel Liiceanu, The Paltinis Journal
Augustin Buzura, Refuges (recommended, not on reserve)

Week 13, Nov. 21: The Revolution of 1989 in comparative perspective

Peter Siani-Davis: The Romanian Revolution of 1989; Padraic Kenney: A Carnival of Revolution, Introduction (pp. 1-20)

Other Readings:

Padraic Kenney: A Carnival of Revolution
Martyn Rady, Romania in turmoil: a contemporary history.
Nestor Ratesh, Romania: The Entangled Revolution
Silviu Brucan, The Wasted Generation
Peter Cipkowski, Revolution in Eastern Europe : Understanding the Collapse of Communism in Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Romania and the Soviet Union
Felix Corley, In The Eye Of The Romanian Storm: The Heroic Story of Pastor Laszlo Tokes

Week 14, Nov. 28: Postcommunist Transitions—social and economic issues

Katherine Verdery, *The Vanishing Hectare*

Other Readings:

Vladimir Tismaneanu and Sorin Antohi, Between Past and Present

Vladimir Tismaneanu, Fantasies of Salvation

Juliana Pilon, The bloody flag: post-communist nationalism in Eastern Europe: spotlight on Romania.

Tom Gallagher: Theft of a Nation

Lavinia Stan, Leaders and laggards : governance, civicness and ethnicity in post-Communist Romania

Katherine Verder, The Political Lives of Dead Bodies

Katherine Verdery. What Was Socialism and What Comes Next? Ch. 4-8.

Week 15, Dec. 5: Sorin Matei—The Mind's Boyars

All selections available on the Internet at:

<http://matei.org/boyars.html>