

HIST1350 Fall14 S01 Modern Genocide and Other Crimes against Humanity

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T R 2:30pm – 3:50pm - CIT Center (Thomas Watson CIT) 227

& F Discussion Groups - TBD

This course explores the emergence, evolution, varieties, underlying causes, and means of confronting and coming to terms with genocide and other crimes against humanity in the twentieth century. We will discuss the origins of genocide and the subsequent conceptualization of this phenomenon; manifestations of colonial, imperial, racial, and communist genocide; war crimes and mass crimes by totalitarian regimes; and policies of mass expulsions and “ethnic cleansing.” We will conclude with attempts to curb and punish genocide by means of international justice.

Students will write 3 short, 5-page papers during the semester, analyzing the relevant themes and readings, and will submit a longer final paper based on the required readings as well as on one or more of the extra reading texts two weeks after the last day of classes, i.e., no later than December **TBD**. The topic and scope of the final paper will be agreed on with the TA or professor. Regular attendance at lectures and active participation in sections are expected.

Grades will be determined as follows:

3 short papers = 15% (altogether 45%)

Final paper = 30%

Active participation in class and section, including weekly Canvas posts = 25%

Reading

[Required Reading](#)

Extra and Recommended Reading

Schedule:

- Thurs. Sept. 4 **Introduction**
- Tues. Sept 9 **The Roots of Modern Genocide**
- Thurs. Sept 11 **The Roots of Modern Genocide**
- Fri. Sept 12 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Totten & Bartrop, 95-129; Jones, 3-8

Discussion Group Readings: Bauman in Hinton, 110-133

Week Two Materials

- Tues. Sept. 16 **Defining, Conceptualizing, and Legislating Genocide**
- Thurs. Sept. 18 **Defining, Conceptualizing, and Legislating Genocide**
- Fri. Sept. 19 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Totten & Bartrop, 3-55; Hinton 48-73

Discussion Group Readings: Facing History and Ourselves Org./ Adam Strom

Week Three Materials

- Tues. Sept. 23 **Colonial Genocide**
- Thurs. Sept. 25 **Colonial Genocide**
- Fri. Sept. 26 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Totten & Parsons, 89-115; Jones 40-8; Moses 3-40, 440-459

Discussion Section Readings: Gewalt; Hull, Krüger, Zimmerer

Week Four Materials

*** *Paper 1: Roots and Definitions of Genocide - Due Friday, September 26th by 5 p.m.* ***

- Tues. Sept. 30 **Imperial Genocide**
- Thurs. Oct. 2 **Imperial Genocide**

Fri. Oct. 3 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Moses, 325-39; Jones, 101-15; Totten & Bartrop, 234-54; Totten & Parsons, 117-151

Discussion Section Readings: NERC Eyewitness Reports

[Week Five Group Readings](#)

[Week Five Materials](#)

Tues. Oct. 7 **Racial Genocide**

Thurs. Oct. 9 **Racial Genocide**

Fri. Oct. 10 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Totten & Parsons, 191-247; Jones, 147-63, 168-80; Hinton 192-206; Moses 372-394

Discussion Section Readings: Wannsee Protocol

[Week Six Materials](#)

Tues. Oct. 14 **Communist Genocide**

Thurs. Oct. 16 **Communist Genocide**

Fri. Oct. 17 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Moses, 205-24; Hinton, 254-75

Discussion Section Readings: TBD

[Week Seven Materials](#)

Tues. Oct. 21 **African Genocide**

Thurs. Oct. 23 **African Genocide**

Fri. Oct. 24 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Power ('Rwanda' in e-readings); Totten & Parsons, 513-572

Discussion Section Readings: Gourevitch

[Week Eight Materials](#)

*** Paper 2: Colonial/Imperial & Ideological Genocide - Due Friday, October 24th by 5pm ***

Tues. Oct. 28 **Communist Mass Crimes**

Thurs. Oct. 30 **Communist Mass Crimes**

Fri. Oct. 31 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Totten & Parsons, 157-190; Jones, 124-37, 41-46; Moses, 343-366

Discussion Section Readings: Naimark

[Week Nine Materials](#)

Tues. Nov. 4 **War Crimes**

Thurs. Nov. 6 **War Crimes**

Fri. Nov. 7 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Bartov, 106-178

Discussion Section Readings: Barbarossa Decree

[Week Ten Materials](#)

Tues. Nov. 11 **“Ethnic Cleansing” and Ethnic Violence**

Thurs. Nov. 13 **“Ethnic Cleansing” and Ethnic Violence**

Fri. Nov. 14 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Totten & Parsons, 477-507; Hinton, 231-48; Totten & Bartrop, 57-91, 180-88

Discussion Section Readings: Rieff

[Week Eleven Group Readings](#)

[Week Eleven Materials](#)

Tues. Nov. 18 **Genocide and Justice**

Thurs. Nov. 20 **Genocide and Justice**

Fri. Nov. 21 Discussion Sections

Lecture Readings: Totten & Bartrop, 425-514; Hinton, 91-109

Discussion Section Readings: Jackson

Week Twelve Materials

*** *Paper 3: Post-Colonial Genocide, Mass Crimes & Extermination - Due Friday, November 21st by 5pm****

Tues. Nov. 25 **Representing Genocide**

Thurs. Nov. 27 *No Class - Thanksgiving Recess*

Fri. Nov. 29 *No Discussion Sections - Thanksgiving Recess*

Lecture Readings: Bartov

Week Thirteen Lecture Reading

Week Thirteen Materials

Tues. Dec. 2 **Prevention, Intervention, and Denial**

Fri. Dec. 5 **Prevention, Intervention, and Denial**

Lecture Readings: Schabas; Power

Discussion Section Readings: Evans

Week Fourteen Group Readings

Week Fourteen Materials

*** *Final paper -- TBD* ***