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The Age of Revolution: Europe from the Reign of Terror to the First World War

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
40cp at 1000 level or above OR (10cp in HIST or MHIS or POL or POIR or MHIX or POIX units)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
How did the eighteenth-century dream of a more enlightened, rational society end with the bloodbath of the French Revolution? How was Europe reconstructed after Napoleon's influential dictatorship? Why did this effort also, eventually, end in the horror is war? This unit explores such questions, tracing the revolutionary effects of Europe's experimentation with democracy, its discovery of fossil-fuel efficiencies, and its efforts to rethink the place of religion, women, the poor, and much else in society. The European nineteenth century witnessed the rise of what would later appear pillars of modernity, including left-right politics, nationalism, and secular science. It also, however, produced the very things that would threaten it from the inside out: an overweening sense of racial superiority and various forms of political and cultural extremism.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Identify and explain some chief threads of European History from 1789-1914.
ULO2: Identify and explain the relationship of Europe to the rest of the world through the long 19th century.
ULO3: Produce written work on multiple aspects of European history based on primary and secondary sources.
ULO4: Construct historical arguments through cogent writing with appropriate references.

ULO5: Engage with staff and students in classroom discussions and present ideas orally and respectfully.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
Students should consult iLearn for revised unit information.
Find out more about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and potential impacts on staff and students

General Assessment Information

Late Assessment Penalty
Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.
Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

This unit is delivered via iLearn.

All readings for this unit will be uploaded into the appropriate section iLearn. MQ no longer prints readers for purchase. The textbook for this unit is John Merriman, A History of Modern Europe, Vol 2 (3rd edition, 2010). There will be copies in the co-op for purchase, but I will also upload PDFs of each assigned chapter onto iLearn, so if you read better online then you will not need to buy the book. Some may prefer the paper version, however.

All essential readings per week will be covered by Merriman and the Unit Reader combined. This should come to around 40 pages per week: make time each week to allow for them!!!

See Week 1 in this reader for additional suggestions.

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/123732/unit_guide/print
Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy (Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct

Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.
Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.