

**THE GREAT WAR:
A LONG SHADOW OVER THE 20TH CENTURY**

“THE GREAT SEMINAL CATASTROPHE OF THE 20TH CENTURY” (GEORGE KENNAN)

- - -WORLD WAR I SPAWNED A BLOODY AND CHAOTIC 20TH CENTURY
- - - UNRESOLVED ISSUES OF THE WAR AND IMPERFECT PEACE THAT FOLLOWED REVERBERATED THROUGH EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, EAST ASIA AND AFRICA FOR REST OF 20TH CENTURY

NEW POLITICAL/SOCIAL VALUES

- MANY OF KEY FUTURE EUROPEAN PROBLEMS CAN BE TRACED BACK TO GREAT WAR AND ITS IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH
- MILLIONS OF EUROPEANS ATTRACTED TO COMMUNISM OR FASCISM WERE CONVINCED THAT PREWAR VALUES AND ASSUMPTIONS GONE FOREVER
- COLLECTIVE MEMORIES OF EUROPEAN PEOPLES SAW PERIOD AS ONE OF REVOLUTIONARY TURMOIL, OR NATIONAL TRIUMPH, OR PERCEIVED NATIONAL HUMILIATION TO BE REDEEMED THROUGH ANOTHER WAR

SELF-DETERMINATION

- ALLIES PAID LIP SERVICE TO WILSON'S IDEAL OF SELF-DETERMINATION
- NEW BOUNDARIES REFLECTED THE TERRITORIAL APPETITES OF THE WINNERS
- IN EUROPE, 30 MILLION ON WRONG SIDES OF NEW FRONTIERS
- NEW EAST EUROPEAN STATES LARGELY CREATED INDEPENDENT OF PEACE SETTLEMENT

THE WORLD OUTSIDE EUROPE

- - - MANDATE SYSTEM SEEN AS THINLY DISGUISED COLONIALISM
- - - ARABS DID NOT GET NATIONHOOD THEY HAD BEEN LED TO EXPECT. BALFOUR DECLARATION OF 1917 RECOGNIZED ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST
- - - SYKES-PICOT SOUGHT TO DIVIDE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AFTER THE WAR
- - - - - SAME TERRITORY EFFECTIVELY PROMISED TO BRITAIN/FRANCE, ZIONISTS, AND ARABS

EAST ASIA

- - - JAPAN AWARDED GERMAN SHANDONG PROVINCE IN CHINA, BUT NO RACIAL EQUALITY CLAUSE IN PEACE TREATY
- - - MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IN CHINA AND REFUSAL TO SIGN THE TREATY
- - - SHIFT TO COMMUNISM IN CHINA AS EXPRESSION OF INDEPENDENCE

U.S. ROLE

- - - WAR BEGAN U.S. EMERGENCE ON WORLD STAGE
- - - WAR LARGELY FORGOTTEN IN AMERICA (HISTORICAL VOID BETWEEN CIVIL WAR AND WORLD WAR II)
- - - IMPACT OF WOODROW WILSON'S MOST SEDUCTIVE SOUND BITES - - "**DEMOCRACY**" AND "**SELF-DETERMINATION**" ON WORLD POLITICS

SOME POSITIVES?

- - - WAR GAVE INSIGHT INTO HOW WARS BEGIN AND HOW MIGHT BE AVOIDED
- - - LONG AND HORRIBLE WAR LED TO PUBLIC DEMAND FOR DEMOCRATICIZATION OF FOREIGN POLICY
- - - RUINS OF THE WAR FACILITATED CALL BY WILSON FOR NEW AND BETTER WORLD ORDER

COURSE F 306

- - - **OVERVIEW OF ORIGINS AND CONDUCT OF WORLD WAR I**
- - - **LONG TERM CONSEQUENCIES AND COMPLEX LEGACIES OF THE WAR**



TWO PART COURSE

- **TWO PART COURSE: SPRING AND FALL TERMS, 2018**
- - - CONCLUDE CLOSE TO ARMISTICE DAY, 2018
- - - LECTURES INTERMINGLED WITH FILMS ABOUT THE WAR AT SELECTED INTERVALS. APPROXIMATELY FOUR EACH PER TERM

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

- - - DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATIONS AND FILMS
- - - SHIFT PRESENTATION/FILM SEQUENCE IF CLASS IS MOVED TO LORD OF LIFE SANCTUARY ON A GIVEN DAY
- - - COMMUNICATION THROUGH OLLI INSTRUCTOR EMAIL CHANNEL

COURSE TOPICS, SPRING 2018

- - - THE WORLD BEFORE THE WAR
- - - A WORLD AT WAR
- - - LEGACIES IN EUROPE - - NATIONALITIES/BITTERNESS
- - - LEGACIES IN THE WORLD - - EMPIRES/SELF-DETERMINATION

GERMAN CEMETERY NEAR ARRAS (44,834 GRAVES)



FILM EXPERIENCE

- - - FILMS CHOSEN FOR ARTISTIC MERIT, HISTORICAL ACCURACY, AND REALISM
- - - CLASSICS: ***ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT***
AND THE GRAND ILLUSION
- - - RECENT PRODUCTIONS: ***REGENERATION AND KING AND COUNTRY***

LECTURES/FILMS SEQUENCE

- - - **FILMS RUN 11:30 - - 1:30 AND SHOWN IN ONE SITTING. WILL ANNOUNCE FILM A WEEK IN ADVANCE**
- - - **CAN BRING A LUNCH**
- - - **LECTURES BEGIN AT 11:30 AND LAST 85 MINUTES**