

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-2): History of Europe: 1870 – 1945

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

| Course title & Code | Credits | Credit distribution of the course | | | Eligibility criteria | Pre-requisite of the course (if any) |
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| | | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice | | |
| History of Europe: 1870 – 1945 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12th Pass | NIL |

Learning Objectives

This paper offers a historical overview of the consolidation of capitalist industrialization in the late nineteenth century, and its impact in terms of facilitating the age of 'new imperialism'. Among the key case studies discussed, the paper traces the build-up to a revolution in the disintegrating Russian empire. It details the formation of defensive alliances and power blocs, as well as contentious international issues that led up to First World War. The paper proceeds to discuss the crucial aspects of the post-War Peace Settlement, and the emergence of ultra-nationalist regimes prior to the Second World War. The course of the Second World War and important developments stemming from it are also highlighted in the paper.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student shall be able to:

- Deliberate on the meaning of imperialism and the manifestations of imperialist rivalry and expansion in the 19th and early 20th century.
- Distinguish the varied impacts of the First World War as well as the outbreak of a revolution in the Russian Empire during the War.
- Analyse the conflict between radical and conservative forces, and the gradual consolidation of ultra-nationalist and authoritarian regimes in Europe between the World Wars.
- Delineate the reasons for the outbreak of the Second World War, and the course of the War.
- Analyse the key, immediate repercussions of the Second World War

SYLLABUS OF DSC-2

Unit-I: The European economy in the late 19th century

1. Second Industrial Revolution, new business practices, new consumption patterns
2. The economic down turn of 1873; growth of finance capital

Unit II: European politics, 1870-1918

1. Political developments in the Russian Empire (1905 revolution; February and October revolutions of 1917)
2. The 'Eastern question' and Balkan nationalism; scramble for African colonies; imperialist rivalries; power blocks and alliances
3. The First World War 1914-1918

Unit III: Europe between the World Wars

1. The Post-War Peace Settlement (treaties, League of Nations and International Labour Organization); Comintern on national liberation struggles and fascism; economic crisis-the Great Depression of 1929
2. Growth of Fascism (Italy) and Nazism (Germany)
3. Spanish Civil War

Unit IV: Catastrophe of WWII

1. World War II: Causes, civilian resistance to allied victory
2. Repercussions of WWII: UNO; origins of the Cold War

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings

Unit-1: In this Unit, the students will discuss the industrial, technological, and commercial innovations that characterized the latter half of the nineteenth century, and which backed the ambitions of the emerging nation-states in Europe. An overview will be provided of the growth the capitalism in its imperialist phase. **(Teaching time: 9 hours approx.)**

- Hunt, Lynn et al. The Making of the West: Peoples and Cultures: A Concise History. Vol. II. Third edition. [Chapter-18: pp.701-706]
- Joll, James. (1973). Europe Since 1870. An International History. New York and London: Harper and Row Publishers.[Chapter-4].
- Perry, Marvin et al (ed.). (2008). Western Civilizations: Ideas, Politics and Society. Ninth edition. Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. [Chapter- 21].
- Stearns, Peter. (2013). Industrial Revolution in World History. Fourth edition. Philadelphia: Westview Press & Perseus Books Group. [Chapter-9].
- लालबहादुर शास्त्री। यूरोप का इतिहास: फ्रांसीसी क्रांत से तीर्थवश्वरुद्ध तक।
- पाठासाथी गुप्ता (संपादक)। यूरोप का इतिहास। Hindi Madhyam Karyanvayan Nideshalaya, DU.
- तिवेश तिवर, मीना भारा, वंनिका चौधरी (संपादक)। आधुनिक यूरोप का इतिहास: आराम और विश्वास। Hindi Madhyam Karyanvayan Nideshalaya, DU

Unit-2: At the end of this rubric the student will be to trace the nature of imperialist rivalries and identify the intense competition that informed repeated conflagrations on certain international affairs / regions. Students will be familiarized with historical analyses of the First World War, as well as the revolutionary possibilities which emerged in the Russian empire during the First World War. **(Teaching time: 12 hours approx.)**

- Craig, Gordon A. (1966). Europe since 1815. Second edition. New York, Chicago, Toronto, London: Holt, Rinehart and Winston. [relevant chapter on the 'Eastern Question' and Balkan nationalism].
- Joll, James. (1973). Europe Since 1870. An International History. New York and London: Harper and Row Publishers.[Chapter-4].
- Lee, Stephen J. Aspects of European History 1789–1980. London: Routledge. 1982 [Chapters 13, 15 & 16, 18 & 19].
- Waller, Bruce (ed.). Themes in Modern European history 1830–90. London and NY: Routledge. 1990. [Chapters 2,3 & 4]
- Wood, Alan. (2003). The Origins of the Russian Revolution 1861–1917. Lancaster Pamphlet. Third Edition.
- लालबहादुर शास्त्री। यूरोप का इतिहास: फ्रांसीसी क्रांतिसी तिसरी तबश्वरुद्ध तक। पाठासारथी गुप्ता
- (संपादित)। यूरोप का इतिहास। Hindi Madhyam Karyavayan Nideshalaya, DU.
- डी. एम. सोल। यूरोप 1870 से। अनुवादित: स्नेहमहाल। Hindi Madhyam Karyavayan Nideshalaya, DU.

Unit-3: In this Unit, the students will examine the emergence of key international institutions within the context of the Peace Settlement and post-War order First World War. Within the backdrop of fast changing European society and economic downturn of 1929, the students will be familiarized with the emergence of ultra-nationalist movements in Europe, in particular the growth of fascism in Italy and Germany. The Unit will also proceed to provide an overview of the Spanish Civil War which represented a showdown between the fascist and the Left forces before the outbreak of the Second World War. **(Teaching time: 15 hours approx.)**

- Craig, Gordon A. (1966). Europe since 1815. Second edition. New York, Chicago, Toronto, London: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.
- Lee, Stephen J. (1998, 2000). Hitler and Nazi Germany. Questions and Analysis in History. London and New York: Routledge.
- Lee, Stephen J. Aspects of European History 1789–1980. London: Routledge. 1982 [Chapters 20 to 23, 26 & 27].
- Forrest, Andrew. The Spanish Civil War. Questions and Analysis in History. London and New York: Routledge.
- Maul, David. The International Labour Organization: 100 Years of Global Policy. De Gruyter and ILO. 2019 ["Antecedents" & Chapter-1: The Washington

Conference, An International Organization in the Making, The Invention of Tripartism, Standard-setting in the 1920s]

- लालबहादुर शास्त्री द्वारा रचित। यूरोप का इतिहास: फ्रांसीसी क्रांत से तृतीय विश्व युद्ध तक।
- पाठासारथी गुप्ता (संपादक)। यूरोप का इतिहास। Hindi Madhyam Karyanvayan Nideshalaya, DU.
- मैक्सवेल। यूरोप 1870 से। अनुवादक: स्नेहमहाल। Hindi Madhyam Karyanvayan Nideshalaya, DU.

Unit-4: In this Unit, the students will examine the factors that facilitated the outbreak of the Second World War. It will also explore the War's overall trajectory in terms of the role of civilian resistance to military occupation and fascism. The students will be able to delineate the important developments in terms of the formation of the United Nations and the start of the Cold War. **(Teaching time: 9 hours approx.)**

- Hunt, Lynn et al. The Making of the West: Peoples and Cultures: A Concise History. Vol. II. Third edition. [Chapter-21, Chapter-22: 870-880].
- Craig, Gordon A. (1966). Europe since 1815. Second edition. New York, Chicago, Toronto, London: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.
- Henig, Ruth. Origins of the First World War. London and NY: Routledge. 2003.
- Redfern, Neil. (2017). "The Comintern and Imperialism: A Balance Sheet," Journal of Labour and Society, 20(1): 42-60
- लालबहादुर शास्त्री द्वारा रचित। यूरोप का इतिहास: फ्रांसीसी क्रांत से तृतीय विश्व युद्ध तक।
- पाठासारथी गुप्ता (संपादक)। यूरोप का इतिहास। Hindi Madhyam Karyanvayan Nideshalaya, DU.
- मैक्सवेल। यूरोप 1870 से। अनुवादक: स्नेहमहाल। Hindi Madhyam Karyanvayan Nideshalaya, DU.

Suggestive readings

- Hayes, Paul (ed.). Themes in Modern European History 1890–1945. London and NY: Routledge and Taylor & Francis. 1992. [Chapters 5 & 6].
- Hobsbawm, E.J. Nation and Nationalism Cambridge: CUP. 1970
- Merriman, John. History of Modern Europe. Vol. II. Third edition. New York and London:
- W.W. Norton & Company. [Chapter-19]
- Porter, Andrew. European Imperialism 1860-1914. Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan. 1994.
- Thompson, David. (1957, 1966). Europe since Napoleon. Penguin.
- तिवेश तविर, मीना भारि, वंशिका चौधरी (संपादक)। आधुनिक यूरोप का इतिहास: आराम और विश्राम। Hindi Madhyam Karyanvayan Nideshalaya, DU
- स्नेहमहाल। यूरोप का इतिहास: 1870-1914। प्रगत प्रकाशन।

- ए.के. तमत्तल।आधुतनक रूरोप का इततहास: 1789 से 1945 तक।सातहत्यभवनप्रकाशन

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.