The Rise of Globalism: The 20th Century
Syllabus

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Modality
Remote learning

Quarter: Spring
Start – end date: March 30 – May 18
Session day/time: Wednesday, 1:30 - 4:00 PM CT
Course Code and Section: HUAS90923 22S1

Course Overview

This three-quarter sequence will examine the “crisis” of Western, primarily European, Civilization, looking first at its rise in the 18th century (in Autumn 2021), through its imperial dominance of the globe in long 19th century (in Winter 2022), to its decline in the 20th and 21st centuries (Spring 2022).

This third course, in Spring 2022, will look at the political, social, and constitutional formation of Western culture from the Great War to the Present, 2022. Some of the themes will be centered around the decline of European dominance and a rise of a global society, with topics including: future of liberal democracy, socialism, fascism, communism, and decolonization and the end of European imperialism. Rather than a survey, this class will use selections from primary documents published in the period, supplemented by the works of modern historians, to illuminate the historic development of the West. There are no prerequisites; students may take this third course without the previous two.

Required texts

J. Glover, Humanity: A Moral History of the Twentieth Century (Yale 2012)
ISBN: 978-0300186406

OR


Primary source readings, emailed to students each week.

Supplemental reference text: (no assignments, just for reference)

There will be a few additional primary source readings, emailed to students each week.

Books can be purchased online through the [University of Chicago Bookstore](https://www.chicagobooks.com).

## Course readings

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<td>Week 2</td>
<td>The Great War and its Aftermath, 1914-1930</td>
<td>Ferguson, Part VI Plagues and Pipers&lt;br&gt;UC Readings, part 2, “European Society During the War”</td>
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<td>Week 3</td>
<td>The Global Great Depression</td>
<td>UC Readings, part 3, European Between the Wars:&lt;br&gt;Extremists: Fascist Right and Communist Left</td>
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