HIST 585-006: Special Topics in History:

Topic: Fin-de-Siècle Europe

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Semester Description:

Examines major themes and approaches in the study of modern urban culture and political culture, through the examples of France, Germany, and the Habsburg Empire circa 1860-1914.

This discussion-driven seminar will explore exciting recent trends in the study of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Europe, with a focus upon the crisis-ridden transition to mass politics, mass culture, and urban modernity. The course will touch on high and popular culture, the development of urban modernity and modernism, the rise of radical nationalist and antisemitic politics, the relationship between colonialism and the metropole, changing conceptions and experiences of gender, the invention of tradition, and the spread of urban currents into rural areas. You may also find yourselves becoming strangely familiar with the world cities Paris, Vienna, and Berlin, our prime examples. The range of important and innovative approaches covered should make this course of use to students doing research or preparing exams in other fields as well.

Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:

Grading:
- Active participation in class discussion,
- A short analytical book review,
- Two presentations, and
- A longer final historiographic review essay.