

Oral Exam Field: *Early Modern Europe, 1300 - 1700*
Examiner: Professor Constantin Fasolt

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Reading List

I. Historical Overview: What is different between the medieval and modern periods of European history?

Ernest Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism*.

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*.

Robert Pippin, *Modernism as a Philosophical Problem*.

Constantin Fasolt, "Sovereignty and Heresy."

II. The Medieval Background

Marc Bloch, *Feudal Society*, Vol. I: The Growth of Ties of Dependence.

Marc Bloch, *Feudal Society*, Vol. II: Social Classes and Political Organization.

Richard W. Southern, *The Making of the Middle Ages*.

Perry Anderson, *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*.

R. I. Moore, *The First European Revolution, c. 970 - 1215: The Making of Europe*.

Robert Bartlett, *The Making of Europe: Conquest, Colonization, and Cultural Change, 950 - 1350*.

Johan Huizinga, *The Autumn of the Middle Ages*.

Manlio Bellomo, *The Common Legal Past of Europe, 1000 - 1800*.

Ewart Lewis, "The Idea of Law," in *Medieval Political Ideas*, pp. 1-87.

Walter Ullmann, *A History of Political Thought: The Middle Ages*.

Francis Oakley, "Celestial Hierarchies Revisited: Walter Ullmann's Vision of Medieval Politics," in *Past and Present*, 60 (1973), 3-48.

J. Van Engen, "The Christian Middle Ages as an Historiographical Problem," in *The American Historical Review*, 91 (1986), pp. 519-552.

Dante, *Monarchy*.

III. Changes From Medieval to Early Modern

Eugene F. Rice, Jr. & Anthony Grafton, *The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 1460 - 1559*.

John Neville Figgis, *Studies of Political Thought from Gerson to Grotius, 1414 - 1625*.

Norbert Elias, *The Civilizing Process*, Vols. I & II.

Gerhard Dohrn-van Rossum, *History of the Hour: Clocks and Modern Temporal Orders*.

IV. The Italian Renaissance/ Humanism/ Renaissance Political Thought

Jacob Burckhardt, *The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy*.

Peter Burke, *The Italian Renaissance: Culture and Society in Italy*.

P. O. Kristeller, *Renaissance Thought: The Classic, Scholastic, and Humanist Strains*.

P. O. Kristeller, "Humanism," in *The Cambridge History of Renaissance Philosophy*, pp. 113-137.

C. Nauert, "Renaissance Humanism: An Emergent Consensus and Its Critics," in *Indiana Social Studies Quarterly*, 33 (1980), pp. 5-20.

J. G. A. Pocock, *The Machiavellian Moment: Florentine Political Thought and the Atlantic Republican Tradition*.

J. G. A. Pocock, "Languages and Their Implications: The Transformation of the Study of Political Thought," in *Politics, Language, and Time: Essays on Political Thought and History*, pp. 3-41.

Quentin Skinner, *The Foundations of Modern Political Thought*, Vol. I: The Renaissance.

Isaiah Berlin, "The Originality of Machiavelli," in *Against the Current: Essays in the History of Ideas*, pp. 25-79.

Nathan Tarcov, "Quentin Skinner's Method and Machiavelli's *Prince*," in *Meaning and Context: Quentin Skinner and His Critics*, pp. 194-203.

Leon Battista Alberti, "On the Family," in *The Renaissance*, eds. Eric Cochrane and Julius Kirshner, pp. 78-104.

Niccolò Machiavelli, *Discourses on Livy*.

Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*.

Desiderius Erasmus, *The Praise of Folly*.

Thomas More, *Utopia*.

V. General Sixteenth-Century History

H. G. Koenigsberger, G. L. Mosse, & G. Q. Bowler, *Europe in the Sixteenth Century*.

Richard Bonney, *The European Dynastic States, 1494 - 1660*.

Lucien Febvre, *The Problem of Unbelief in the Sixteenth Century: The Religion of Rabelais*.

VI. Early Modern European Economic & Social History

Fernand Braudel, *The Mediterranean and the Mediterranean World in the Age of Philip II*, Vols. I & II.

Fernand Braudel, *Capitalism and Material Life, 1400 - 1800*.

Maurice Dobb, *Studies in the Development of Capitalism*.

Carlo Cipolla, *Before the Industrial Revolution: European Society and Economy, 1000 - 1700*.

Jane Jacobs, *The Economy of Cities*.

Jan de Vries, *The Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis, 1600 - 1750*.

- **Please Note: Additional material on early modern European economic history and overseas expansion is included in the readings for my third field with Professor Austen (Commerce, Capitalism, and Empire, 1500-2000).**

VII. The Protestant and Catholic Reformations

John Bossy, *Christianity in the West, 1400 - 1700*.

Euan Cameron, *The European Reformation*.

Bernard M. G. Reardon, *Religious Thought in the Reformation*.

Heiko A. Oberman, *Luther: Man Between God and the Devil*.

Quentin Skinner, *The Foundations of Modern Political Thought*, Volume II: The Reformation.

Bernd Moeller, *Imperial Cities and the Reformation: Three Essays*.

Peter Blickle, *The Revolution of 1525: The German Peasants' War from a New Perspective*.

F. Engels, "The Peasant War in Germany," in *The German Revolutions*, ed. L. Krieger, pp. 1-119.

R. W. Scribner, "The Reformation Movements in Germany," in *The Reformation, 1520 - 1559*, ed. G. R. Elton, *New Cambridge Modern History*, Vol. II.

Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.

H. R. Trevor-Roper, "Religion, the Reformation and Social Change," in *The European Witch-Craze of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*, pp. 1-45.

Ernst Troeltsch, *Protestantism and Progress*.

Carlo Ginzburg, *The Cheese and the Worms*.

H. O. Evennett, *The Spirit of the Counter Reformation*.

Martin Luther, "The Freedom of a Christian, 1520," in *Martin Luther: Selections from His Writings*, ed. John Dillenberger, pp. 42-85.

Martin Luther, "The Pagan Servitude of the Church" or "The Babylonian Captivity, 1520," in *Martin Luther: Selections from His Writings*, ed. John Dillenberger, pp. 249-362.

Martin Luther, "An Appeal to the Ruling Class of German Nationality as to the Amelioration of the State of Christendom" or "The Christian Nobility of the German Nation," in *Martin Luther: Selections from His Writings*, ed. John Dillenberger, pp. 403-485.

- Martin Luther, "The Twelve Articles of the Peasants," in *The Renaissance*, eds. Eric Cochrane and Julius Kirshner, pp. 334-8.
- Martin Luther, "Admonition to Peace," in *The Renaissance*, eds. Eric Cochrane and Julius Kirshner, pp. 339-357.
- Jean Bodin, Excerpts from *Six Books of the Commonwealth* in: Jean Bodin, *On Sovereignty*, ed. Julian H. Franklin.

VIII. General Seventeenth-Century History

- Theodore K. Rabb, *The Struggle for Stability in Early Modern Europe*.
- Geoffrey Parker, ed., *The Thirty Years War*.
- Michael Roberts, "The Military Revolution, 1560-1660," in *The Military Revolution Debate: Readings on the Military Transformation of Early Modern Europe*, ed. Clifford J. Rogers, pp. 13-36.
- Geoffrey Parker, "The 'Military Revolution, 1560-1660' – A Myth?," in *The Military Revolution Debate: The Military Transformation of Early Modern Europe*, ed. Clifford J. Rogers, pp. 37-54.
- René Descartes, *Discourse on Method*.

IX. Seventeenth-Century Political Thought/ The Absolutist State

- Gerhard Oestreich, *Neostoicism and the Early Modern State*.
- Perry Anderson, *Lineages of the Absolutist State*.
- Marc Raeff, "The Well-Ordered Police State and the Development of Modernity in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Europe: An Attempt at a Comparative Approach."
- Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*.
- John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*.

X. Early Modern French & Dutch History

- Philip Benedict, *Christ's Churches Purely Reformed: A Social History of Calvinism*.
- Robin Briggs, *Early Modern France, 1560 - 1715*.
- Pierre Goubert, *Louis XIV and Twenty Million Frenchmen*.
- Jonathan Israel, *The Dutch Republic: Its Rise, Greatness, and Fall, 1477-1806*.

XI. Science and Knowledge in Early Modern Europe

- Allen G. Debus, *Man and Nature in the Renaissance*.
- H. Butterfield, *The Origins of Modern Science, 1300 - 1800*.
- Steven Shapin, *The Scientific Revolution*.
- Thomas Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*.

Paul Feyerabend, *Against Method*.

XII. Historiography & the History of Ideas

G. W. F. Hegel, *The Philosophy of History*: "Introduction" and "Part IV: The German World."

Geoffrey Barraclough, *Main Trends in History*.

Georg G. Iggers, *New Directions in European Historiography*.

Arnaldo Momigliano, "Historicism Revisited," in *Essays in Ancient and Modern Historiography*, pp. 365-373.

Lawrence Stone, "The Revival of Narrative," in *Past and Present*, 85 (1979), pp. 3-24.

Hayden White, "The Question of Narrative in Contemporary Historical Theory," in *History and Theory*, 23 (1984), pp. 1-33.

Quentin Skinner, "Meaning and Understanding in the History of Ideas," in *Meaning and Context: Quentin Skinner and His Critics*, pp. 29-67.

Quentin Skinner, "A Reply to My Critics," in *Meaning and Context: Quentin Skinner and His Critics*, pp. 231-341.