

## Seminar topics and times for semester 1, 2018:

### Chicago, 1968

Wednesdays 10am-12pm

Seminar leader: Thomas Adams

How do you end inequality? Between women and men? Black and white? Rich and poor? Gay and straight? How do you make a city great? How do you stop an unjust war? All these questions and more were on table and more importantly, in the streets of 1968 Chicago. What if you succeed? What if you fail?

### Paris, 1900

Tuesdays 9-11am

Seminar leader: Robert Aldrich

The year 1900 marked the 'Belle Époque' in Paris, the time of cafés and cabarets, avant-garde art and the new cinema. Yet it was also a time of social conflict, ideological clashes, imperialism and mounting militarism. In this seminar, we will look at the 'City of Light'—and some of its darker shades. We will also travel to several other cities in Europe, such as London and Vienna, that were also experiencing political and cultural ferment. And we'll journey to more distant places such as Jerusalem and Hanoi to look at the intersections of various cultures in colonial situations. We will be using materials ranging from novels and images, political and artistic manifestos, and memoirs to look at Europe and the wider world as the twentieth century emerged.

### The Hague, 1899

Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Seminar leader: Marco Duranti,

In the years preceding the First World War, the city of The Hague was the site of a remarkable international campaign for a more just and peaceful global order. This seminar revisits the peace conferences of The Hague from the points of view of the different nations involved, contrasting American, European and Asian perspectives. We will interrogate the origins of international justice and the laws of war codified in the Hague Conventions, examining not only the role of international relations, but also the place of culture, ideas, individuals, and civil society in this story.

### **The Singapore Strait, 1603**

Wednesday 10am-12pm

Seminar leader: Andrew Fitzmaurice

In 1603 the King of Johor and the Dutch East India Company captured a Portuguese ship, the Santa Caterina, in the Strait of Singapore. The workshop will examine why this event was a key moment in the creation of international law.

### **Paris, 1661**

Tuesdays 11am-1pm

Seminar leader: John Gagné

Cosmopolitan Paris was ripe for transformation when the 23-year-old King Louis XIV ascended the French throne. Aspiring to make France the greatest power on earth, the monarch enlisted a remarkable generation of politicians, artists, and scientists who shaped a world both brutal and elegant.

### **Notting Hill, 1958**

Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Seminar leader: Chris Hilliard

Race riots in the summer of 1958 made Notting Hill in west London notorious. Working with police surveillance files, activists' papers, media coverage, photographs, maps, and more, we'll examine the social dynamics of a rapidly changing city.

### **Beijing, 1966**

Thursdays 10am-12pm

Seminar leader: Minerva Inwald

This seminar will examine how the political mobilization of Beijing university students launched the Cultural Revolution, using sources such as photographs, leaflets, posters, speeches, ephemera, and eye-witness testimony.

### **La Perouse, 1931**

Wednesdays 2pm-4pm

Seminar leader: Sophie Loy-Wilson

During the Great Depression, unemployed Australians slept rough. Many flocked to Sydney's infamous Depression-era camp 'Happy Valley' in La Perouse, also the site of an Indigenous mission and Chinese market garden. Using welfare documents, court cases, Communist Party papers and oral histories, we'll examine how economic disaster re-shaped race relations in Sydney.

### **Shanghai, 1927**

Wednesdays 9-11am

Seminar leader: Andres Rodriguez

Anti-imperialist protests and the bloody repression of Chinese communists on its streets made Shanghai's social tinderbox burst into flames in April of 1927. In this seminar we will work with maps, consular reports, photographs, missionary papers, political pamphlets among others seeking to understand what made this city so central to China's political predicament for this period.

### **Rome, 1215**

Tuesdays 1pm-3pm

Seminar leader: Hélène Sirantoine

During three weeks in November 1215, more than 1300 clerics coming from across Christendom assembled in Rome to participate to the Great Council convoked by Pope Innocent III. The discussions they had, the issues they examined, and the decisions they made on this occasion, impacted the whole of Europe and beyond and offer an extraordinary insight to the medieval world.

The lecture for HSTY1001 is on Thursdays from 12 to 1.