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The Post-war Reconstruction of Europe, 1945-1955

Since the end of the Cold War, the decade following the Second World War has gained new significance. Historians have become particularly interested in the question of how Europe, which emerged from the war as a physical and moral wasteland, could rebuild itself so dramatically and successfully. In this course we will explore reconstruction agendas and policies in Europe in after 1945. Throughout the course we will examine questions surrounding the physical reconstruction of material life, as well as aspects of the political, economic, social and psychological reconfiguration of European states, and the idea of Europe itself. The broad thematic organisation of the course is complemented by a series of case studies: in the seminars we will consider individual European countries' post-war experiences. The course integrates the histories of the eastern and western halves of the continent and aims to provide ample possibilities for comparative perspectives. Overall, students will be able to read widely and gain a broad understanding of Europe's and European countries' post-war history.

Key Books:

- Tony Judt, Postwar: a History of Europe Since 1945 (Heinemann, 2005)
- Keith Lowe, Savage Continent: Europe in the Aftermath of World War II (Penguin, 2012)
- Mark Mazower, Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century (Penguin, 1998)
- Richard Vinen, A History in Fragments: Europe in the Twentieth Century (Abacus, 2000)

Further Reading:

- Richard Bessel and Dirk Schumann (eds.), Life After Death: Approaches to a Cultural and Social History of Europe During the 1940s and 1950s (CUP, 2003)
- T.C.W. Blanning (ed.), The Oxford History of Modern Europe (OUP, 2000) [1st ed. 1996]
- Dominik Geppert (ed.), The Postwar Challenge: Cultural, Social, and Political Change in Western Europe, 1945-1958 (OUP, 2003)
- Peter Hennessy, Never Again: Britain, 1945-1951 (Penguin, 2006)
- Charles Maier, The Cold War in Europe: Era of a Divided Continent (Princeton, 1996)
- Mark Mazower, Jessica Reinisch and David Feldman (eds), Post-War Reconstruction in Europe: International Perspectives, 1945-1949 (OUP, Past and Present Supplement No.6, 2011)
- Norman Naimark and Leonid Gibianskii (eds.), The Establishment of Communist Regimes in Eastern Europe, 1944-1949 (Colorado, 1997)
- Martin A. Schain and Tony Judt (eds.), The Marshall Plan: Fifty Years After (Palgrave, 2001)
- Ben Shephard, The Long Road Home: The Aftermath of the Second World War (Bodley Head, 2010)
- Anthony Sutcliffe, An Economic and Social History of Western Europe since 1945 (Pearson, 1996)

Published Memoirs & Diaries:

- Dean Acheson, Present at the Creation: My Years in the State Department (W.W.Norton, 1969)
- Eduard Benes, Memoirs: from Munich to new war and new victory (London, 1954)
- Isaiah Berlin, Flourishing: letters 1928-1946 (edited by Henry Hardy), (London, 2004)
- Janet (Genet) Flanner (ed. William Shawn), The Paris Journal, 1944-1965, (London, 1966)
- Victor Klemperer, The Lesser Evil: the diaries of Victor Klemperer (Abridged and translated from the German edition by Martin Chalmers), (London, 2003).
- Patricia and Robert Malcolmson, Nella Last's Peace: the post-war diaries of Housewife, 49, (London, 2008).
- Sandor Marai, Memoir of Hungary, 1944-1948 (Budapest, 2005, 1st ed. 1996)
- Czeskaw Milosz, The Captive Mind, (London, 1953)
- Peter Perry, An Extraordinary Commission: the Story of a Journey Through Europe's Disaster (London, 1997)

Internet Resources:

- The Avalon Project at Yale Law School: <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/>
- Cold War International History Project: <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/cold-war-international-history-project>
- Modern History Sourcebook: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.asp>

Lecture 1

Europe in 1945

Key Reading:

- Tony Judt, Postwar, Chapter 1: "The legacy of war"
- Mark Mazower, Dark Continent, Chapter 7: "A brutal peace"

Further Reading:

- Martin Conway, "The rise and fall of Europe's democratic age", *Contemporary European History*, Vol.13, No.1, 2004, 67-88. **[reader]**
- Keith Lowe, Savage Continent: Europe in the Aftermath of World War II (Penguin, 2012), Part I: The Legacy of War
- W.G.Seald, "Air War and Literature", in: Seald, On the natural history of destruction (London, 2003), 1-105.
- Elena Skriabina, The Allies on the Rhine, 1945-1950 (London, 1980)
- Stephen Spender, Journals, 1939-1983 (London, 1985), Chapter 2: "German Diary 1945" **[reader]**
- M.Waller, London 1945: life in the debris of war (London, 2004)

Lecture 2

Reconstruction as an international problem

Key Reading:

- Andrew Williams, Failed Imagination? The Anglo-American New World Order from Wilson to Bush (Manchester, 2007), Chapter 5: "Joint Allied Proposals for a NOW: relationships and issues, 1941-1945" **[reader]**

Further Reading:

- Akira Iriye, Global Community: the Role of International Organizations in the Making of the Contemporary World (University of California Press, 2002), Chapter 2: "The New Internationalism" **[reader]**
- Wolfram Kaiser, Christian Democracy and the Origins of European Union (CUP, 2007), Chapter 5: "egemony by default: Christian democracy in postwar Europe" **[reader]**
- David MacKenzie, A World Beyond Borders: An Introduction to the History of International Organizations (Toronto, 2010), Chapter 3: "Wartime Internationalism and International Organizations"
- Jessica Reinisch, "Internationalism in Relief: The Birth (and Death) of UNRRA", in: Mark Mazower, Jessica Reinisch and David Feldman (eds.), Post-War Reconstruction in Europe: International Perspectives, 1945-1949 (OUP, Past and Present Supplement 6, 2011)

Lecture 3

Allied Military Occupations

Key Reading:

- Robert Engler, "The Individual Soldier and the Occupation", *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, Vol.267, January 1950, 77-86 **[Jstor]**
- Frederick Taylor, Exorcising Hitler: the Occupation and Denazification of Germany (Bloomsbury 2011), Chapter 5: "Through Conqueror's Eyes" **[reader]**

Further Reading:

- A.P.Biddiscombe, "Dangerous Liaisons: The Anti-Fraternization Movement in the U.S. Occupation Zones of Germany and Austria, 1945-1948", *Journal of Social History*, Vol.34, No.3, Spring 2001, 611-647 **[Jstor]**
- Harry L.Coles and Albert K.Weinberg, Civil Affairs: Soldiers Become Governors (Washington, US Army, 1992) Online at <http://www.history.army.mil/books/wwii/civaff/index.htm>
- Heide Fehrenbach, Race After Hitler: Black Occupation Children in Postwar Germany and America, (Princeton, 2005)
- Thomas R.Fisher, "Allied Military Government in Italy", *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, Vol.267, January 1950, 114-122 **[Jstor]**
- Alice Hills, Britain and the Occupation of Austria, 1943-1945 (Palgrave, 2000)
- Pieter Lagrou, "1944-1955: The Age of Total War", in: Frank Biess and Robert Moeller (eds), Histories of the Aftermath: the Legacies of the Second World War in Europe (Berghahn, 2010) **[reader]**
- Norman Naimark, The Russians in Germany: a history of the Soviet Zone of Occupation, (Harvard, 1995)

Lecture 4

Collaboration, denazification, épuration

Key Reading:

- Tony Judt, Postwar, Chapter 2: "Retribution"
- Jan T.Gross, "Themes for a Social History of War Experience and Collaboration", in: Istvan Deak, Jan T.Gross, Tony Judt (eds.), The Politics of Retribution in Europe: World War II and its aftermath (Princeton, 2000), 15-36 – [Also printed as J.T.Gross, "Social consequences of war: preliminaries to the imposition of Communist regimes in East Central Europe", *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol.3, No.2, 1989, 198-214] **[reader]**

Further Reading:

- Martin Conway and Peter Romijn, "Introduction", *Contemporary European History*, Vol.13, No.4, 2004, 377-388 **[Jstor]**
- Eleni Haidia, "The Punishment of Collaborators in Northern Greece, 1945-1946", in: Mark Mazower (ed), After the war was over: reconstructing the family, nation and state in Greece, 1943-1960 (Princeton, 2000), 42-61. **[reader]**
- Michael R. Hayse, Recasting West German elites, esp. Chapter 1: Complicity and Disenchantment by 1945, & Chapter 4: Denazification and its effects, 1945-1955.
- Megan Koreman, "A hero's homecoming: the return of the deportees to France, 1945", *Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol. 32, No.1, January 1997, 9-22 **[Jstor]**
- Jeffrey W.Jones, " 'Every family has its freak': Perceptions of Collaboration in occupied Soviet Russia, 1943-1948", *Slavic Review*, Winter 2005, Vol.65, No.4, 747-770 **[reader]**
- Pieter Lagrou, The legacy of Nazi occupation: patriotic memory and national recovery in Western Europe, 1945-1965 (Cambridge, 2000)
- Pieter Lagrou, "Victims of Genocide and National Memory: Belgium, France and the Netherlands, 1945-1965", *Past and Present*, 154, 1997, 181-222.

Lecture 5

Refugees, Displaced Persons and Expellees

Key Reading:

- Matthew Frank, "Reconstructing the Nation-State: Population Transfer in Central and Eastern Europe, 1944-1948", in: Jessica Reinisch and Elizabeth White (eds), The Disentanglement of Populations: Migration, Expulsion and Displacement in Post-War Europe, 1944-1949 (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011) **[reader]**
- Jessica Reinisch, "Introduction", in: Jessica Reinisch and Elizabeth White (eds), The Disentanglement of Populations: Migration, Expulsion and Displacement in Post-War Europe, 1944-1949 (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011) **[reader]**

Further Reading:

- Bertha Bracey, "Europe's Displaced Persons and the problem of relocation", *International Affairs*, Vol.20, No.2, April 1944 **[Jstor]**
- MacAlister Brown, "The diplomacy of bitterness: Genesis of the Potsdam decision to expel Germans from Czechoslovakia", *The Western Political Quarterly*, Vol.11, No.3, September 1958, 607-626 **[Jstor]**
- Carole Fink, "Defender of Minorities: Germany in the League of Nations, 1926-1933", *Central European History*, 1972, 330-357 **[Jstor]**
- Matthew Frank, Expelling the Germans: British Opinion and Post-1945 Population Transfer in Context (OUP, 2008)
- Eagle Glassheim, "National Mythologies and Ethnic Cleansing: The Expulsion of Czechoslovak Germans in 1945," *Central European History* 33, no. 4 (November, 2000), 463-486. **[e-journal]**
- Atina Grossmann, Jews, Germans and Allies: Close Encounters in Occupied Germany (Princeton, 2007) – esp. Ch.4: Jewish Displaced Persons in the American Zone
- Eugene M.Kulischer, Europe on the Move: War and Population Changes, 1917-1945 (New York, 1948) – esp. Ch.9: The Displacement of Population During the Second World War, & Ch.10: Postwar population movements
- Michael Marrus, The Unwanted: European Refugees in the Twentieth Century (New York, 1985)

Lecture 6

Economic Reconstruction

Key Reading:

- Tony Judt, Postwar, Chapter 3: "The Rehabilitation of Europe" & Chapter 10: "The Age of Affluence"

Further Reading:

- Dean Acheson, Present at the Creation: My Years in the State Department (W.W.Norton, 1969) – esp. "The Truman Doctrine" and "The Crisis Broadens: birth of the Marshall Plan" **[reader]**
- Richard Bessel, Germany 1945: from war to peace (London, 2009) – Chapter 12: "Paying for War and Peace" **[reader]**
- Victoria de Grazia, Irresistible Empire: America's Advance through 20th century Europe (Harvard, 2005) – Chapter 7: "The Consumer-Citizen"
- Harold James, "The Fall and Rise of the European Economy in the Twentieth Century", in: T.C.W.Blanning (ed.), The Oxford History of Modern Europe (OUP, 2000) [1st ed. 1996], 186-213.
- Alan Milward, The Reconstruction of Western Europe, 1945-1951 (London, 2003) – esp. Chapter III "The European Recovery Programme"
- Carlo Spagnolo, C., "Reinterpreting the Marshall Plan: The Impact of the European Recovery Programme in Britain, France, Western Germany, and Italy, 1947-1952", in Dominik Geppert (ed.), The Postwar Challenge: Cultural, Social and Political Change in Western Europe, 1945-1958 (Oxford, 2003), 275-298.
- Richard Vinen, A History in Fragments: Europe in the Twentieth Century (Abacus, 2000) – Part III, Chapter 2: "The Miracle"
- Stelios Zachariou, "Struggle for survival: American aid and Greek reconstruction", in: Martin A.Schain and Tony Judt (eds.), The Marshall Plan: Fifty Years After, (Palgrave, 2001), 153-166.

Lecture 7

Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe

Key Reading:

- Mazower, Dark Continent, Chapter 8: "Building People's Democracy"
- Tony Judt, Postwar, Chapter 5: "The Coming of the Cold War"

Further Reading:

- Ivan T. Berend, Central and Eastern Europe 1944 –89: detour from the periphery to the periphery (Cambridge, 1997) – esp. Chapter 1: "Communist seizure of power, 1944-1948"
- Jan T.Gross, "Themes for a Social History of War Experience and Collaboration", in: Istvan Deak, Jan T.Gross, Tony Judt (eds), The Politics of Retribution in Europe: World War II and its aftermath (Princeton, 2000) (15-36) – Also available as J.T.Gross, "Social consequences of war: preliminaries to the imposition of Communist regimes in East Central Europe", *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol.3, No.2, 1989, 198-214. **[reader]**
- Sandor Marai, Memoir of Hungary, 1944-1948 (Central European University Press, 2005, 1st. ed. 1996)
- Philip E.Mosely, "Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia: Observations and Reflections", *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol.63, No.1, March 1948, 1-15 **[Jstor]**
- Norman Naimark, "Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Eastern Europe", in: Christian Lemke and Gary Marks (eds.), The crisis of socialism in Europe (London, 1992), 61-83.
- Mark Pittaway, Eastern Europe, 1939-2000 (London, 2004).
- Jessica Reinisch, "'We shall rebuild anew a powerful nation': UNRRA, internationalism and national reconstruction in Poland", *Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol.43, No.3, July 2008, 451-476.

Lecture 8

Party Politics in Western Europe

Key Reading:

- Martin Conway, "The rise and fall of Europe's democratic age", *Contemporary European History*, Vol.13, No.1, 2004, 67-88 **[reader]**
- Richard Vinen, A History in Fragments: Europe in the Twentieth Century (Abacus, 2000) – Part III, Chapter 3: "Consensus Politics"

Further Reading:

- Martin Conway, "Democracy in Postwar Western Europe: the triumph of a political model", *European History Quarterly*, 2002, Vol.32, No.1, 59-84. [and other papers in this special issue] **[reader]**
- Martin Conway, "The age of Christian Democracy: the frontiers of success and failure", in: Tom Kselman and Joseph Buttigieg (eds), Christian Democracy: Historical Legacies and Comparative Perspectives (Notre Dame, 2003), 43-67.
- Paul Ginsborg, A History of Contemporary Italy: Society and Politics 1943-1988, (Palgrave, 2003) – Chapter 3: "The Post-war settlement"
- J.G.Heinberg, "Continuity and Change in European Governments", *The Journal of Politics*, Vol.8, No.3, August 1946, 392-404 **[Jstor]**
- Wolfram Kaiser, "Review Article: Christian Democracy in Twentieth-Century Europe", *Journal of Contemporary History*, 2004, Vol.39, No.1, 127-135
- Jeffrey K. Olick, In the house of the hangman: the agonies of German defeat, 1943-1949 – esp. Chapter 11: "The politics of the Past?"
- Donald Sassoon, "The rise and fall of West European Communism, 1939-1948", *Contemporary European History*, Vol.1, No.2, July 1992, 139-169 **[reader]**

Lecture 9

Reconstructing the Family

Key Reading:

- Joanna Bourke, "Going Home", in: Richard Bessel and Dirk Schumann (eds.), Life After Death: Approaches to a Cultural and Social History of Europe During the 1940s and 1950s (Cambridge, 2003) **[reader]**
- Richard Vinen, A History in Fragments (Abacus, 2000) – Part III, Chapter 5: "Rebuilding the Family"

Further Reading:

- Alan Allport, Demobbed: Coming Home after the Second World War (Yale, 2009)
- L.Caldwell, "The family in the fifties: a notion in conflict with a reality", in: Christopher Duggan and Christopher Wagstaff (eds.), Italy in the Cold War: Politics, Culture and Society, 1948-1958, (Berg, 1995), 149-159.
- Heide Fehrenbach, Race After Hitler: Black Occupation Children in Postwar Germany and America, (Princeton, 2005) – Chapter 2: "Flaccid Fatherland: Rape, Sex and the Reproductive Consequences of Defeat"
- Paul Ginsborg, "The politics of the family in twentieth-century Europe", *Contemporary European History*, Vol.9, No.2, November 2000 **[jstor]**
- Claire Langhamer, "The Meanings of Home in Postwar Britain", *Journal of Contemporary History*, 2005, Vol.40, No.2, 341-362 **[Jstor]**
- Pat Thane, "Family life and 'normalcy' in post-war British culture", in: Richard Bessel and Dirk Schumann (eds.), Life After Death: Approaches to a Cultural and Social History of Europe During the 1940s and 1950s (Cambridge, 2003)
- Tara Zahra, 'Lost Children: Displacement, Family, and Nation in Postwar Europe', *The Journal of Modern History*, 81, 1 (2009), pp. 45-86
- Tara Zahra, The Lost Children: Reconstructing Europe's Families after World War II (Harvard, 2011), and lecture on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sakXIEaXMdk>

Lecture 10

Empire and Europe's Place in the World

Key reading:

- Eric Hobsbawm, Age of Extremes: the short 20th Century (Penguin, 1994) – Chapter 7: "End of Empires" **[reader]**
- Tony Judt, Postwar, Chapter 9: "Lost illusions"

Further reading:

- John Darwin, The end of Empire: the historical debate (London, 1991)
- Nicholas Doumanis, "Europe and the Wider World", in: Robert Gerwatt (ed.), Twisted Paths: Europe 1914-1945 (OUP, 2007) **[reader]**
- F. Heinlein, British government policy and decolonisation, 1945-1963: scrutinising the official mind (London, 2002)
- Tony Judt, "Eric Hobsbawm and the Romance of Communism", in: Tony Judt, Reappraisals: Reflections on the Forgotten Twentieth Century (Penguin, 2008)
- George Orwell, 'Shooting an Elephant', The Collected Essays, Journalism and Letters of George Orwell: Vol. 1 (London, 1968) **[many online versions]**
- K. Ross, Fast cars, clean bodies: decolonization and the reordering of French culture (Cambridge, 1995)
- J. Springhall, Decolonisation since 1945: The collapse of European overseas empire (London, 2001)

Lecture 11

Reconstructing 'Europe'

Key Reading:

- Tony Judt, A Grand Illusion? An Essay on Europe, (New York, 1996) – Chapter 1: "A Grand Illusion"
- Robert Gerwarth and Stephan Malinowski, "Europeanization through Violence? War Experiences and the Making of Modern Europe", in: Martin Conway and Kiran Klaus Patel (eds.), Europeanization in the Twentieth Century: Historical Approaches (Palgrave, 2010) **[reader]**

Further Reading:

- P.Gowan and P.Anderson, The Question of Europe (London, 1997) – esp. Chapter 1: "The Springs of Integration" (A.Milward), & Chapter 2: "The Nation-State – Rescue or Retreat?" (W.Wallace)
- Elisabeth du Reau, "Integration or Cooperation? Europe and the Future of the Nation-State in France, 1945-1955", in: Dominik Geppert (ed), The Postwar Challenge: Cultural, Social and Political Change in Western Europe, 1945-1958 (Oxford, 2003), 241-257
- Derek W.Urwin, The Community of Europe: a history of European integration since 1945 (2nd ed.) – esp. Chapter 1: "The persisting idea of Europe"

Seminar 1: Germany

Key Reading:

- Richard Bessel, Germany 1945: from war to peace (London, 2009) – Chapter 13, "Conclusion: Life after Death" [**reader**]

Further Reading:

- Heide Fehrenbach, Race After Hitler: Black Occupation Children in Postwar Germany and America, (Princeton, 2005) – Chapter 2, "Flaccid Fatherland: Rape, Sex and the Reproductive Consequences of Defeat"
- Elizabeth Heinemann, "The Hour of the Women: Memories of Germany's 'Crisis Years' and West German National Identity", in: Hanna Schissler (ed), The Miracle Years: A Cultural History of West Germany
- Ian Kershaw, The End: Hitler's Germany, 1944-1945 (Allen Lane, 2011)
- Edith Sheffer, Burned Bridge: How East and West Germans Made the Iron Curtain (OUP, 2011) – esp. Part I, "Demarcation Line"

Seminar 2: France

Key Reading:

- Stanley Hoffmann, "The effects of World War II on French society and politics", in Arthur Marwick (ed.), Total war and historical change (Open University Press, 2001), 177-197. [Also available in *French Historical Studies*, Vol.2, No.1, Spring 1961, 28-63 **[reader]**]

Further Reading:

- Robert Gildea, "Myth, memory and policy in France since 1945", in: Jan-Werner Müller (ed.), Memory and Power in Post-War Europe: studies in the presence of the past (CUP, 2002)
- Megan Koreman, "A hero's homecoming: the return of the deportees to France, 1945", *Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol. 32, No.1, January 1997, 9-22 **[Jstor]**
- Pieter Lagrou, "Between memory and commemoration: Coming to terms with war and occupation in France after 1945", in Dominik Geppert (ed.), The Postwar Challenge: Cultural, Social, and Political Change in Western Europe, 1945-1958 (Oxford, 2003), 65-80.

Seminar 3: Greece

Key Reading:

- Mark Mazower, "The Cold War and the Appropriation of Memory: Greece after Liberation", in: Istvan Deak, Jan T. Gross, Tony Judt (eds), The Politics of Retribution in Europe: World War II and its aftermath (Princeton, 2000) **[reader]**

Further Reading:

- Mark Mazower (ed), After the War was over: Reconstructing the family, nation and state in Greece, 1943-1960 (Princeton, 2000)
- Stelios Zachariou, "Struggle for survival: American aid and Greek reconstruction", in: Martin A. Schain and Tony Judt (eds.), The Marshall Plan: Fifty Years After, (Palgrave, 2001), 153-166.

Seminar 4: Poland

Key Reading:

- Andrej Paczkowski, The Spring Will be Ours: Poland and the Poles from occupation to freedom, (Pennsylvania State, 2003) [1st Polish ed. 1995] – Chapter 3, "The New Reality" **[reader]**

Further Reading:

- Jerzy Lukowski and Hubert Zawadzki, A Concise History of Poland (CUP, 2001) – Chapter 7: "Communism and Beyond, 1945-?"
- Anita Prazmowska, A history of Poland (London, 2004)

Seminar 5: Czechoslovakia

Key Reading:

- Chad Bryant, "Either German or Czech: Fixing Nationality in Bohemia and Moravia, 1939-1946", *Slavic Review*, Vol.61, No.4, Winter, 2002, 683-706 [[Jstor](#)]

Further Reading:

- Benjamin Frommer, "To prosecute or to expel: Czechoslovak retribution and the 'Transfer' of Sudeten Germans", in: eds. Philipp Ther and Ana Siljak, Redrawing Nations: Ethnic Cleansing in East-Central Europe, 1944-1948 (Rowman & Littlefield, 2001).
- Eagle Glassheim, "National Mythologies and Ethnic Cleansing: The Expulsion of Czechoslovak Germans in 1945", *Central European History*, Vol.33, No.4, 463-486.
- Zdenek Radvanovský, "The Social and Economic Consequences of Resettling Czechs into Northwestern Bohemia, 1945-1947", in: Philipp Ther and Ana Siljak (eds.), Redrawing Nations: Ethnic Cleansing in East-Central Europe, 1944-1948 (Rowman & Littlefield, 2001).

Seminar 6: Soviet Union

Key Reading:

- Sheila Fitzpatrick, "Postwar Soviet society: the return to normalcy 1945-1953", in: Susan J.Linz (ed.), The Impact of World War II on the Soviet Union, (1985)

Further Reading:

- P.Dukes, "The social consequences of World War II for the USSR", in: Arthur Marwick (ed.), Total war and social change, (Palgrave, 1988), 45-57.
- Yoram Gorzki and O.Khlevniuk, Cold peace. Stalin and the Soviet ruling circle, 1945-1953 (Oxford, 2004)
- Elena Zubkova, "The Soviet Regime and Soviet Society in the Postwar Years: innovations and conservatism", *Journal of Modern European History*, Vol.2, No.1, 2004, 134-152.

Seminar 7: Britain

Key Reading:

- Peter Clarke, Hope and Glory: Britain 1900-1990 (Penguin, 1996) – Chapter 7, "Let Us Face the Future, 1945-1955" **[reader]**

Further Reading:

- Richard Crossmann (ed.), The God that Failed, (Columbia University Press, new ed. 2001, 1st ed. 1949) – Chapter by Stephen Spender, 229-273
- Peter Hennessy, Never Again: Britain, 1945-1951 (Penguin, 2006)
- David Kynaston, A world to build: Austerity Britain, 1945-1948 (Bloomsbury, 2007) – Chapter 2, "Broad Vistas and All That"
- Stephen Spender, Journals, 1939-1983 (Faber & Faber, London, 1985) – esp. "Journal 1948-1953", 93-132.
- Paul Addison, Now the war is over: a social history of Britain, 1945-51 (London, 1985)

Seminar 8: Film Show (part I)

We will watch extracts from:

- A Defeated People (Humphrey Jennings, 1946)
- Berlin Express (Jacques Tourneur, 1948)
- Germany, Year Zero (Roberto Rossellini)
- The Third Man (Carol Reed, 1946)

Seminar: Film Show (part II)

Extracts from:

- The Way from Germany (Allied Control Commission, 1946)
- Cesta Zpatky – The Way Home (Ministersva Orcharny Prace e Socialni Pece, 1946)
- Chasing the Blues (J.D.Chambers, Jack Ellitt, 1947)
- A Diary for Timothy (Humphrey Jennings, 1946)
- Food – Secret of the Peace (Stuart Legg, July 1945)
- Suffer Little Children (Sydney Newman, December 1945)
- Family Portrait (Humphrey Jennings, 1950)

Post-war reconstruction and development in the Golden Age of Capitalism. 25. world economy. The post-war period witnessed an unprecedented speed of recovery from the devastation inflicted. Nonetheless, the recovery in those post-war years was, to quote the introduction to *World Economic Survey 1955*, "truly impressive", in terms of both its speed and spread, as compared with the period following the First World War. While the process of reconstruction was fast overall, with world industrial production returning to its pre-war levels in 1947 (or 1948, if the United States is excluded), Germany and Japan recovered their pre-war levels of per capita gross domestic product (GDP) only in the mid-1950s, despite remarkable post-war growth. Relevant records are not easily accessible to historians. The essays in this volume therefore represent one of the first efforts to expand our knowledge of both periods of German history and of American policy toward Germany in the first postwar decade. Jeffrey M. Diefendorf, Axel Frohn, Hermann-Josef Rupieper. Cambridge University Press, 1993 - History - 537 pages. *Reconstruction in Post-War Germany: British Occupation Policy and the Western Zone, 1945-1955. The Struggle for Democracy in Germany.* Article. After years of relative neglect, the reconstruction of post-war Germany has recently become a major research focus for historians. The contributors to this volume were among the first to evaluate the archives relevant to their topic and are hence able to present many fresh insights into Allied occupation policy in the late 1940s, revealing the painful adjustment which German industry, institutions and citizens had to make in the post-1945 world.