DESCRIPTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSE:

This course provides a framework for understanding the period between roughly 1200 and 1750 CE, the Making of the Modern World 4 focuses on global transformations that gave birth to various patterns of modernity. We will examine various socio-economic, cultural, political and religious processes in the formation of various discourses and practices of early modernity. The course primarily adopts an approach that focuses on contacts and exchanges between various regions and civilizations, especially in the Afro-Eurasian zones of contact. We will also focus on the relationship between communication, culture and space in the context of emerging global powers.

The basic goals of the course are as follow:

1. To acquire basic understanding of late medieval and early modern histories and societies on the global scale, with an especial focus on everyday life and cultural processes.
2. To gain familiarity with non-European civilizations, in particular the Chinese and Muslim societies.
3. To engage in intensive university-level writing and to improve one’s analytical and critical skills.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Textbooks are available for purchase at the UCSD bookstore. A copy of the main textbook and the two volumes of *Worlds of History: A Comparative Reader* will be held at the library.


5. A number of articles will be posted on MMW website.

6. Reading assignment with a comprehensive list of weekly readings will be posted on the MMW website.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Assignments:

Assignments and grades will be determined as follows:

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EXAMS:

- The midterm and the final are in-class exams. Your lecture attendance, participation in sessions and readings should prepare you for the two exams. I will elaborate on the exams in class. The midterm will cover up to April May 1 lecture. The final exam will be comprehensive.
● I will provide a study guide for both the midterm and final exams.

● You must complete all parts of the writing assignment, attend section, and take all exams in order to pass the course.

● Please note that make-up exams maybe allowed only in the case of justified reason for absence.
● Only in rare and justified cases will I grant a makeup exam. You need to provide documentation for the absence.

● Writing Assignment: You are expected to write an 8-10 research paper, broken down into 7 additional assignments throughout the course. This assignment will be discussed in your sessions.

● Syllabus, course information, lectures and reading assignments:  
  http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/mmw/courses/mmw13.html

CLASS POLICY & GUIDELINES:

Attendance and Participation
Active participation for each week compromises 10% of your grade. Students are expected to come to the lectures and are required to attend the sections. Students are also expected to have read the assigned reading materials and be prepared to talk about the reading material and lectures during discussion sessions. You can certainly ask questions during the lectures.

Late Papers
You must complete all assigned papers in a timely manner to pass the course. Late papers will be penalized 1/3 of a grade for each class that they are late.

Plagiarism
A major part of your course assignments and exams involves writings based on your assigned reading. So, make sure to cite your sources, either quoted directly or paraphrased, so to avoid plagiarism. In other words, submit your own original work! See me or your section instructor if you have any questions regarding what constitutes plagiarism. If you are caught cheating you will automatically fail the course.

Assistance
In case of disability that may require accommodation, please see me or your section instructor on the first day of class. 😊 But a student requesting accommodation must fill out the Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) letter issued by the Office for Students and Disabilities (OSD). Please contact Vilaya Roberts for further assistance.
Communication

I have set up an official office hour on Tuesdays between 3pm and 5pm and on Wednesdays between 1pm to 2pm at the Department of Literature 3rd floor (room 3324) on the Warren Campus. You could also reach me by email and phone. I will be in my office during my office hours, but I could also make an appointment to see you at another time. My office phone does not have a message service. You could set up an appointment via email.

I expect to occasionally communicate with you by email. So, please check your UCSD emails on a weekly basis.

Course Calendar:

48 days of instructions: begin on Monday, 31 and end Friday, June 6

Midterm due: In class examination: May 6

Final due: 

Finals Week: June 9 to 13

In-class examination:
Thursday 7:00-9:59pm
June 12
Course Lectures

- You could find the course lectures on the MMW website.
- Please note lectures will not be podcast nor emailed to anyone lectures.

Schedule of Lectures

Lectures will be posted on MMW website after each lecture:
http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/mmw/courses/mmw12.html

Week 1

(April 1 Tuesday)

- Introduction to the course:

  *Rethinking World History*

April 3 (Thursday)

- *Eurasian Complex and Southernization*
Week 2

Lib. Orient.
Assignment
#1 due

April 8 (Tuesday)

• Nomadic Empires and Eurasian Integration

April 10 (Thursday)

• States and Societies of Sub-Saharan Africa

Week 3

Due: Assign
#2, with Library Exercise and MLA Exercise

April 15 (Tuesday)

• The Increasing Influence of Europe
  (Economy, Society, and State)

April 17 (Thursday)

• India and the Indian Ocean Basin
Week 4

April 22 (Tuesday)

- The Song Modernity in East Asia

April 24 (Thursday)

- The Americas and Oceania

Week 5

Assign 3: Prospectus due

April 29 (Tuesday)

- Afro-Eurasia and Americas
  Expanding Horizons of Cross-Cultural Interaction
  (The Case of Hemispheric Pandemics)

May 1 (Thursday)

- Early Modern Interconnected Global (1500-1800 C.E.)

*Study Guide for the Midterm
Week 6

May 6 (Tuesday)

Midterm Exam

*Bring scantron and blue notebook

May 8 (Thursday)

● *New Worlds: Americas and Oceania*

Week 7

Assign 4: Rough draft due

May 13 (Tuesday)

● *Transformation of Europe I*  
  *(Economy, Religion and State)*

May 15 (Thursday)

● *Transformation of Europe II*  
  *(The City and “Renaissance” of European Identity)*
Week 8

May 20 (Tuesday)
• *Transformation of Europe III*  
  *(Print, Science and Technology)*

May 22 (Thursday)
• *Tradition and Change in East Asia in the early modern period*

Week 9

May 27 (Tuesday)
• *Islamic Gunpowder Empires I*  
  *(The Ottomans)*

May 29 (Thursday)
• *Islamic Gunpowder Empires II*  
  *(The Mughals)*

Week 10

Assign 5: Final draft due

June 3 (Tuesday)
• *Islamic Gunpowder Empires III*  
  *(Safavids)*

• Study Guide for the Final Exam & in-class review of the exam
June 5 (Thursday)

- Conclusion

Week 11

(FINAL WEEK, June 9-12 June)

Final Exam: 
Thursday 7:00-9:59pm
June 12