

# **History 3036**

## **Britain since 1914**

### **Syllabus**

#### **Week 1:**

- August 22: Introduction
- August 24: Britain in 1914
- August 26: Origins of World War I
  - Read: Arnstein, chapter 12
  - First third of Graves

#### **Week 2:**

- August 29: Britain during World War I (a)
- August 31: Britain during World War I (b)
- September 2: Class discussion
  - Read: Arnstein, chapter 13
  - Second third of Graves

#### **Week 3:**

- September 5: Class Holiday
- September 7: Revolution in Ireland
- September 9: Class discussion
  - Read: Arnstein, chapter 14
  - Finish Graves

#### **Week 4:**

- September 12: Decline of Liberalism
- September 14: Labor Insurgency
- September 16: Class discussion
  - Read: Arnstein, chapters 15-16

#### **Week 5:**

- September 19: The General Strike
- September 21: The Slump
- September 23: Class discussion
  - Read: Arnstein, chapter 17
  - First half of Orwell

#### **Week 6:**

- September 26: British Fascism
- September 28: Interwar Culture
- September 30: Class discussion
  - Read: Arnstein, chapter 18
  - Finish Orwell

Week 7:

- October 3: The Appeasers
- October 5: The Coming of War
- October 7: Class discussion

Week 8:

- October 10: Midterm Examination
- October 12: Britain during World War II (a)
- October 14: Class discussion  
Read: Arnstein, chapter 19

Week 9:

- October 17: Student Recess
- October 19: Britain during World War II (b)
- October 21: Class discussion

Week 10:

- October 24: Rise of the Welfare State (a)
- October 26: Rise of the Welfare State (b)
- October 28: Class discussion  
Read: Arnstein, chapter 20

Week 11:

- October 31: The "Affluent Society"
- November 2: "The Angry Young Men"
- November 4: Class discussion  
Read: All of Amis

Week 12:

- November 7: Britain and the Cold War
- November 9: "Winds of change"
- November 11: Class discussion  
Read: Arnstein, chapter 21  
Paper due

Week 13:

- November 14: Wilson v. Heath
- November 16: Rise of the Labour Left
- November 18: Class discussion  
Read: Begin Kureishi

Week 14:

- November 21: Thatcherism
- November 23: Class discussion
- November 25: Holiday  
Read: Finish Kureishi

Week 15:

November 28: The SDP and Liberals

November 30 The Rise of “New Labour”

December 1: Class discussion

Read: Arnstein, chapter 22

Week 16:

December 5: Britain today

December 7: Class discussion

December 9: Review

Texts:

Walter Arnstein *Britain Yesterday and Today*

Robert Graves *Goodbye to all that*

George Orwell *The Road to Wigan Pier*

Kingsley Amis *Lucky Jim*

Hanif Kureishi *The Black Album*

Grading:

Midterm = 32%

Final = 32%

Essay = 32%

Class participation = 4%

Students who take this course will be expected to adhere scrupulously to the Georgia Tech honor code.

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