

ATA 607
ADVANCED READINGS IN HISTORIOGRAPHY
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Class: Wednesday 10:00-13:00

Classroom [Zoom Meeting](#)

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Prerequisite: ATA 501 & ATA 59E

Course Description:

This course introduces students to recent debates in social theory and historiography. This semester we will particularly focus on i. theories related to the making of historical and contemporary capitalism; ii. world history and everyday in the contemporary context of global capitalism; iii. rethinking the area studies specifically with its new global reach; iv. new theories of fascism, we'll consider fascism not as a lived historical specificity but as an abstract political concept related to the commodity form, as formulated by Marx, i.e. fascism as the subsumption of the economic and the political.

Course Requirements:

During the semester we are going to make common readings as the basis for our weekly discussions. Attendance and class participation is mandatory. Participation and contribution to class discussions count 50%. Each student is going to make an in-class presentation of a group of books and/or articles related to the themes we are going to cover throughout the semester. Students are also expected to write a 2000-word review essay based on their class presentation. Presentation and essay count 50%.

Themes and Common Readings:

Theme I: Reading Capital, Then and Now:

- Marx, Karl. *Grundrisse: Foundations of the Critique of Political Economy*. Translated by Martin Nicaus. London: Penguin Random House, 1993.
- Marx, Karl. *Capital: A Critique of Political Economy, Volume I*. London: Penguin Classics, 1990.
- Heinrich, Michael. *An Introduction to the Three Volumes of Marx's Capital*. Translated by Alexander Locascio. New York: Monthly Review Press, 2012.
- Musto, Marcello, ed. *Marx's Capital after 150 Years: Critique and Alternative to Capitalism*. London: Routledge, 2019.
- Musto, Marcello, ed. *Karl Marx's Grundrisse: Foundations of the Critique of Political Economy 150 Years Later*. London: Routledge, 2008.
- Brewer, Anthony. *A Guide to Marx's Capital*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984.
- Harvey, David. *A Companion to Marx's Capital*. London: Verso, 2010.
- Harvey, David. *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*. Oxford ; New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.
- Banaji, Jairus. *A Brief History of Commercial Capitalism*. Chicago, Illinois: Haymarket Books, 2020.

Theme II: The New Face of Area Studies? Area Studies and the Global:

Tsing, Anna Lowenhaupt. *Friction: An Ethnography of Global Connection*. Princeton University Press, 2005.

Slocum, Karla, and Deborah A. Thomas. "Rethinking Global and Area Studies: Insights from Caribbeanist Anthropology." *American Anthropologist* 105, no. 3 (2003): 553-65.

Theme III: Capitalism, Time, Everyday

Harootunian, Harry. *Marx After Marx: History and Time in the Expansion of Capitalism*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2015.

Harootunian, Harry. "History's Interruption: Dispossession and Genocide." In *Harootunian, Harry. The Unspoken as Heritage: The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives*, 87-113. Durham: Duke University Press, 2019.

Thompson, E. P. "Marxism and History." In *The Essential E.P. Thompson*, edited by Dorothy Thompson, 460-78. New York: The New Press, 2001.

Thompson, E. P. "The Rule of Law." In *The Essential E. P. Thompson*, edited by Dorothy Thompson, 432-42. New York: The New Press, 2001.

Theme IV: Fascism as the Politics of Global Capitalism

Harootunian, Harry. "Future of Fascism." *Radical Philosophy*, no. 136 (2006): 23-33.

Rosenberg, Arthur. "Fascism as a Mass-Movement (1934)." *Historical Materialism* 20, no. 1 (2012): 144-89.

Banaji, Jairus. "Fascism as a Mass-Movement: Translator's Introduction." *Historical Materialism* 20, no. 1 (2012): 133-43.