HISTORY 421

TOPICS IN EARLY MODERN HISTORY

URBAN HISTORY IN WESTERN EUROPE, 1350-1650

This course aims to provide an overview of the diverse aspects of urban history in the period between the late Middle Ages and the mid-17th century. The readings are available in the course pack unless otherwise indicated.

Schedule of Discussions and List of Readings

Sept. 6th: Introduction to the Course

Sept. 11th: Issues in Urban History


Sept. 13th: Medieval Urban Growth and Morphology


Sept. 18th & 20th: The Renaissance City


Sept. 25th & 27th: Economic and Social Structures and Change


Oct. 2nd & 4th: Political Structures and Ideals


Oct. 9th: Urban Revolt


Social Issues:

Oct. 11th & 16th: Gender and the Control of Sexuality


Oct. 18th & 23rd: Poverty and Charity


Oct. 25th: Criminality, Law and Justice


Oct. 30th: In-class test

Religion in an Urban Context:

Nov. 1st: Pre-Reformation Urban Religion

Nov. 6th and 8th: The Urban Reformation

Po-Chia Hsia, R., “Munster and the Anabaptists”, in The German People and the Reformation, pp. 51-69

Nov. 13th: Towns in the 16th-c. Religious Wars

Davis, N., “The Rites of Violence”, in her Society and Culture in Early Modern France, pp. 152-87

Nov. 15th: The Catholic Reformation in an Urban Setting


Urban Culture:

Nov. 20th & 22nd: Myth, Ritual and Festival


Nov. 27th: Magic


Nov. 29th and Dec. 4th: Learning and Art


EVALUATION
The marks for this course will be divided as follows:

- Class discussion: 10%
- Book review: 25%
- Class test: 30%
- Research paper: 35%

A list of possible books for review will be distributed, as will suggestions for research papers.

**ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE**

Nicholas, David, *The Later Medieval City, 1300-1500*, London and New York, 1997 [on reserve]

Work may be submitted in English, French or Italian

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