

## History 499K

### European Dictatorships: Tyranny, Demise, and Legacies

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Campus: Abbotsford Time: Thursday, 8:30-12:20

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**Course Description:** Considering a number of cases in 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe, this course investigates numerous aspects of dictatorship, including: coercion, propaganda, consensus, and resistance. After highlighting the key factors in the collapse of the respective dictatorships, the course explores the first steps toward democratization. This examination includes: domestic and international concerns, the role of non-government organizations, initiatives to reconcile victims and perpetrators, and efforts to commemorate, and otherwise deal with, the lingering effects of state-sponsored oppression.

**Course Format:** Each class will be a seminar discussion that focuses on the class theme and the assigned readings. Brief lectures will supplement these discussions, but the majority of the course will be based on student participation in the seminars.

#### Required Reading:

Fitzpatrick & Geyer (eds.), *Beyond Totalitarianism: Stalinism and Nazism Compared*

Kovaly, *Under a Cruel Star: A Life in Prague, 1941-1968*

Ash, *The Magic Lantern: The Revolution of '89 Witnessed in Warsaw, Budapest, Berlin, and Prague*

Fullbrook, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship*

Jarausch, *After Hitler: Recivilizing Germans, 1945-1995*

\*\*\*Additional Assigned Readings / Course Pack

#### Evaluation:

Reading Analyses	20%
Research Essay	30%
Participation	20%
Presentation	10%
In-Class Essay	20%