The Balkans, 1800-Yugoslav Wars
University of West Georgia (Independent Study)

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Course Description:
This independent study examines major themes in the history of Balkans from 1800 through the end of the Yugoslav Wars of the 1990s. “The Balkans” as a geographical and political expression did not enter popular usage until the late nineteenth century. Before then, the bulk of the peninsula was under Ottoman rule. During that time and beyond, the region was subject to foreign intervention and became a laboratory for experiments in state formation, refugee management and ethnic cleansing. This course will trace the transition from empire to nation-state in the Balkans (present day Greece, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Hercegovina, Albania, Croatia, Slovenia, Kosovo and Macedonia) It will also consider the legacies of Ottoman and Habsburg rule in post-imperial states. Major themes include political autonomy within empire, transformative military occupation, violence, population movements, state formation, and nationalism. In addition to course participation, students are expected to write a research paper based on primary sources.
Evaluation:
Participation: 40%
2 mini-research exercises: 30%
Final Paper (10-12 pages double spaced): 30%
Please decide on a paper topic by March 1
Outline and introduction due March 25th
Final paper due April 29

Readings will be available on CourseDen or available on reserve at the library.

Jan. 14 – Introduction: What are the Balkans?
Mark Mazower, *The Balkans: A Short History*, introduction, chapters 1 and 2

Jan. 28 – Ali Paşa & Ottoman Greece

This text is available as an e-book at the library
http://eds.b.ebscohost.com/eds/detail/detail?vid=1&sid=cc66833c-d53b-4510-9594-179c13fb4384%40sessionmgr102&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWRzLWxpdmUmc2NvcGU9c2l0ZQ%3d%3d#AN=790776&db=nlebk

Feb. 4 – Eastern Questions
Mark Mazower, *The Balkans: A Short History*, chap. 3-4


Background:
Thomas Gallant, chap. 2 “The War for Independence, 1821-1832,” *Modern Greece*

Introduction to First mini-research exercise: Using British Parliamentary Debates
Due Feb. 11 – please leave a hard copy in my mailbox

Feb. 18 – The Macedonian Question
March 4 – From Empire to Nation States
Devin Naar, *Jewish Salonica: Between the Ottoman Empire and Modern Greece*, entire

March 11 – The Balkan Wars, 1912-1913
Maria Todorova, *Imagining the Balkans*, chap. 5


Leon Trotsky, *The Balkan Wars, 1912-1913: The War Correspondence of Leon Trotsky*, “The Balkan Question”

March 18 – 23 Spring Break – No Class

March 25 – The Population Exchange, Refugee Settlement & International Financial Control in Greece
Mark Mazower, *Greece and the Inter-War Economic Crisis*, chap. 3-4

Arnold Toynbee, *The Western Question in Greece and Turkey*, chap. 1

Charles Howland, *Greek Refugee Settlement*, selection

Introduction to second mini-research project: League of Nations Records and Published British Foreign Office Records
Due April 4 - Please leave a hard copy in my mailbox

April 1 – The Kingdom of Yugoslavia
Emily Greble, *Sarajevo, 1941-1945; Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Hitler's Europe* chap. 1


Rebecca West, *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon: A Journey through Yugoslavia*, selection

**April 8 – World War II**
Milovan Djilas, *Wartime*, selection


**April 15 - Tito’s Yugoslavia**
Emir Kusturicia, *Underground* (Film) – watch before session

J.R. Lampe, *Yugoslavia as History: Twice there was a Country*, chap. 9-10

**April 29 – The Yugoslav Wars**


**Final paper due May 29 – please leave a hardcopy in my mailbox**