



Course syllabus

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Department of Cultural Sciences

4HI405 Globala perspektiv på historien, 7,5 högskolepoäng

4HI405 Global perspectives on history, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

History

Subject Group

History

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2009-06-16

Revised 2020-12-14 by School of Cultural Sciences. Revised literature.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2021

Prerequisites

History 90 credits including an independent project of 15 credits, or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- critically analyse the scientific discussion about the global context of world history,
- problematise a scientific discussion about past and present societal forms,
- assume a critical approach to different perspectives on historical accounts of major processes of change, in speech as well as in writing.

Content

The course deals with different accounts of historical processes of change. Students will discuss and compare different ancient societal forms in different parts of the world, feudal societies, transitions from feudalism to agrarian and industrial capitalism, communist societies, the spread of global capitalism from the 16th century to the present, colonialism, and global contexts. Three themes are studied in more depth, and the students write a paper based on the required reading and two choice books picked from the reading list for the relevant themes, and then discuss the papers in a seminar.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lessons and seminars

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the objectives. In order to receive the grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must convincingly demonstrate skill and independence in formulating, answering and discussing academic questions of relevance for the course.

Repeat examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University. If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give a customised exam or to have the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

During or shortly after the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are promptly communicated to the students who have taken the course. Students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time are informed of the results at the start of the course. The evaluation is anonymous.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Historisk tidskrift (2020:3) Theme: Swedish colonialism. Articles by Gunlög Fur and John Hennessey, Lars Olsson, Åsa Össbro, Peter Forsgren, Oskar Broberg and Klas Rönnbäck, Ale Pålsson. 144 p. Available in digital form.

Lieberman, Victor, *Strange Parallels: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c.800-1830. Volume 2, Mainland Mirrors: Europe, Japan, China, South Asia, and the Islands*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2009. In selection, ca 500 pages .ISBN 978-0-521-53036-1.

Marks, Robert B. (2007) *The Origins of the Modern World. Fate and Fortune in the Rise of the West*. Lanham MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, INC. 220 pages. ISBN 978-0-7425-5418-4.

Sachsenmaier, Dominic (2011) *Global perspectives on global history*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, ISBN 978-0-521-17312-4 (pbk), 331 p. (in selection).

Elective literature: Choose a book from two of the following themes.

Theme: Changed conditions of production.

Andersson, Perry (2004) *Övergångar från antiken till feodalismen*. Lund Arkiv. ISBN 91-7924-175-1, 310 pages

Castells, Manuel (2001) *Informationsåldern. Ekonomi, samhälle och kultur. Bd 1. Nätverkssamhällets framväxt*. Göteborg: Daidalos. ISBN 91-7173-150-4, 592 pages

Castells, Manuel (2000) *Informationsåldern. Ekonomi, samhälle och kultur. Bd 2. Identitetens makt*. Göteborg: Daidalos. ISBN 91-7173-116-4, 441 pages

Castells, Manuel (2000) *Informationsåldern. Ekonomi, samhälle och kultur. Bd3. Millenniets slut*. Göteborg: Daidalos. ISBN 91-7173-118-0, 453 pages

Held, David (1999) *Global transformations. Politics, economics and culture*. London: Polity, 515 pages. ISBN 0-7456-1498-1 (hbk).

Hobsbawm, Eric (1997) *Revolutionens tidsålder*. Stockholm: Rabén Prisma. ISBN 91-518-3303-4 (hbk), 452 pages

Hobsbawm, Eric (1994) *Kapitalets tidsålder*. Stockholm: Tiden. ISBN 91-550-4124-8 (hbk), 460 pages

Hobsbawm, Eric (1994) *Imperiernas tidsålder*. Stockholm: Tiden. ISBN 91-550-3985-5 (hbk), 508 pages

Hobsbawm, Eric (2003) *Ytterligheternas tidsålder. Det korta 1900-talet: 1914-1991*. Stockholm: ePan. 452 pages. ISBN 91-7297-624-1, 696 pages

Theme: Criticism of culture and civilisation

McNeill, J R (2003) *Någonting är nytt under solen. Nittonhundratalets miljöhistoria*. Stockholm: SNS förlag. ISBN 91-7150-918-6 (hbk), 455 pages

Merchant, Caroline (1994) *Naturens död. Kvinnan, ekologin och den vetenskapliga revolutionen*. Stockholm: Symposion. ISBN 91-7139-195-9 (hbk), 394 pages

Hourani, Albert (2001) *De arabiska folkens historia*. Furulund: Alhambra. ISBN 91-88992-56-X, 432 pages

Said, Edward (2000) *Orientalism*. Stockholm: Ordfront. ISBN 91-7324-794-4, 517 pages

Schama, Simon (1998) *Skog, landskap och minne. En civilisationshistoria*. Stockholm: Wahlström och Widstrand. ISBN 91-46-17424-9 (hbk), 370 pages

Zinn, Howard (1999) *Det amerikanska folkets historia. Makten och medborgarna från Columbus till Clinton*. Stockholm: Ordfront, ISBN 91-89291-03-4 (hbk), 632 pages

Theme: Global comparisons and connections

Bayly, C.A. (2004) *The birth of the modern world 1780-1914*. Malden: Blackwell, ISBN 978-0-631-23616-0 (pbk), 540 p.

Chaudhuri, K.N. (1990) *Asia before Europe: Economy and civilisation in the Indian Ocean from the rise of Islam to 1750*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, ISBN 9780521316811 (pbk), 477 p.

Curtin, Philip (2000) *The World and the West: The European Challenge and the Overseas Response in the Age of Empire*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, ISBN 9780511840098, 294 p.

Frank, André Gunder (1998) *ReOrient: Global economy in the Asian age*. Berkeley: University of California Press, ISBN 9780520214743 (pbk), 352 p.

Kiernan, Ben (2010) *Blod och jord: Historien om folkmord och folkutrotning från Sparta till Darfur*. Stockholm: Voltaire Publishing, ISBN 978-91-977599-5-3 (hbk), 769 p.

Landes, David (2000) *Nationers välfärd och fattigdom: Varför vissa länder är rika och andra fattiga*, Stockholm: Prisma, ISBN: 978-91-518-3660-7 (hbk), 716 p.

Manning, Patrick (2003) *Navigating World History: Historians Create a Global Past*. Palgrave Macmillan, ISBN 978-1-4039-6119-8 (pbk), 425 p.

Miller, Joseph C. (2012) *The problem of slavery as history; A global approach*. New Haven & London: Yale University Press, ISBN 978-0-300-11315-0 (pbk), 218 p.

Osterhammel, Jürgen (2014) *The Transformation of the World: A Global History of the Nineteenth Century*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, ISBN 9780691169804, 1192 p.

Parthasarathi, Prasanan (2011) *Why Europe grew rich and Asia did not. Global economic divergence, 1600-1850*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, ISBN 978-0-521-16824-3 (pbk), 365 p.