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**In the Middle of Europe:  
The Strategic History of Germany from 1648 to Today  
(Lecture)**

- I. Introduction [25.09.2008]
- II. From the peace of Westphalia to Enlightenment [02.10.2008]
- III. Germany and the French Revolution [09.10.2008]
- IV. Germany under/with/against Napoleon [16.10.2008]
- V. Germany between Waterloo and the revolutions of 1848/49 [23.10.2008]
- VI. Defeating democracy, creating unity – The Germany of Bismarck [30.10.2008]
- VII. Expansionism without limits (1): Wilhelm II. and WW I [06.11.2008]
- VIII. The unexpected and unaccepted defeat (Weimar Republic) [13.11.2008]
- IX. Expansionism without limits (2): Hitler, WW II and genocide [20.11.2008]
- X. The undeniable defeat (the two German states 1945/49-1989/90) [27.11.2008]
- XI. Settings for a future inside Europe (West Germany 1955-1989/90) [04.12.2008]
- XII. (Re-)United, surrounded by friends, end of history? [11.12.2008]
- XIII. Written examination [18.12.2008 – further dates for the exam in January: t.b.a.]

Requirements:

- regular attendance
- reading assignments
- 1 hour written examination at the end of the lecture

Literature:

- J. Black: Introduction to Global Military History: 1775 to the Present Day (London 2008)
- G. A. Craig: The Politics of Prussian Army, 1640-1945 (Oxford 1964)
- P. H. Wilson: German Armies. War and German Politics, 1648-1806 (London 1998)
- A. J. P. Taylor: The Course of German History. A Survey of the Development of German History Since 1815 (London 2001)