Announcements

Your final paper is due FRIDAY by 4:00 p.m. in my mailbox the History Department office (Ballantine 742—immediately opposite the elevators on the seventh floor). Since I have given you this extension, I cannot promise to make comprehensive comments on your papers.

Final exam: Wednesday, Dec. 12th, from 5:00-7:00 in this room.
The exam covers the entire course. Format:
  two essays (approx. five paragraphs, 30-35 minutes each) to be selected from six questions; those six will be chosen from ten which will be on the website after the final day’s class on Dec. 5th (each counts 35%)
  five “comment on this passage or image” mini-essays (paragraph or so) these will be “sight unseen” and count for 6% each.

There are no discussion classes this week.
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My colleague, Professor David Pace, will teach:

*The Golden Age of Paris, 1850-1900*

in Paris, May 9-30, 2013 through the Indiana University Overseas Studies Program.

For more information, see:
http://www.iub.edu/~paris10/
Sarkozy cited Jean Jaurès 27 times in a 62-minute speech

said that his opponent, the Socialist Ségolene Royale,
“cites Raymond Aron, Michelet, De Gaulle, and nobody has
a problem with it. I have no problem with it. I love last minute
converts.”

“The Left has developed a taste for privilege. It does not
love the Republic. Between Jules Ferry and May ’68, the Left picks
May ’68. . . . If I am elected, everything that the Republican Right
has not dared to do because they are on the Right, I will do.
All that the Right has abandoned to the Left and the Extreme Right,
I will take it back.

“France is the only democracy in the world where a man in politics does not
have the right to call a thug, ‘a thug.’ To call the scum: ‘scum.’”
C'EST AINSI QUI DÉCIDE DU MOMENT DE LA RETRAITE, COMPRIS?

CELUI-LA DE LE VEUX... CEUILL-LA, NON... CEUILL-LA, NON PLUS !

L'immigration choisie de Sarkozy
Civil Code *[Code Napoléon]* and Modern France

confirms Revolution in:
- abolition of guilds
- religious toleration
- standardized weights and measures
- single legal system for entire nation

undoes Revolution by:
- prohibiting divorce
- extending legal equality only to men
- requiring workers to carry *livret* (identity papers and letters of reference)
The Tricolor Flag (supported by Louis Philippe)

F. X. Winterhalter, Louis Philippe the First, *King of the French* (1839)—shown with plans for Versailles Museum

Legitimacy: King by Revolution and by History.
“Oath taken at Lyon Hôtel de Ville (City Hall), Nov. 1831”

class as political and cultural construction
“Napoleon the First, Emperor of the French, puts the imperial diadem on his head”
1998, The Maurice Papon trial

Maurice Papon, 1910-2007
1942-1944 Secretary General of the Gironde (Bordeaux)
1958 named director of Paris Police
1961 awarded Legion of Honor (personally awarded by Charles de Gaulle)
1965 named director of Sud Aviation (French firm involved in building Concorde)
Oct. 1997-April 1998 trial for “crimes against humanity” (longest trial in French history)
found guilty; fled to Switzerland before charged; eventually extradited
1999-2002 serves three years of ten-year sentence
2002 released on grounds of ill health
2007 controversy over being buried with Legion of Honor

Papon at his trial

Should historians be judges?

Why Henry Rousso did not serve as an expert witness against Papon

- France has already judged Vichy
  - 10,000 executed without trial; > 100,000 trials; > 700 executions

- 1964 French law distinguishes “crimes against humanity” from “war crimes”

 trials do not produce new knowledge, they are not “historical” work (rather they give survivors a place to speak + confirm history already written)

 trial serves as moral leveler (France=Germany) and re-enforces simplistic distinction of collaboration/Resistance (as if there were no anti-semitic resisters)

"Once again, only a morbid memory emerges form the past, only criminal history deserves to be commemorated with a bang. These days only utilitarian use is made of history, nothing that conveys its complexity and its depth. The past has become a warehouse of nationalistic political resources, into which anyone can dip and help themselves to whatever serves their immediate interests. It is worrying to see that, once again, the bad example has been set at the highest level (...) ."

Rousso on President Sarkozy’s proposal to “twin” each final-year elementary-school student with a deported Jewish child (Libération, Feb. 2008).
History, Memory, and the Law

1990 Gayssot Law (introduced by PCF deputy) makes Holocaust denial a crime


2005 law of 23 Feb. 2005 expresses France’s gratitude to those who served in colonies and calls for teaching “the positive role France has played overseas”

“If we want to integrate these young people who have only recently acquired French nationality, it’s not enough to give them lodging and a job. Let’s make them proud to be French, and begin by being proud, ourselves.”
Jean-Claude Guibal (UMP representative) in later debate on Feb. 23 Law

“We have to end this constant repenting, this endless revisiting of our history. This permanent repentance, so that we have to make excuses for French history—it comes close to being ridiculous sometimes.”
Nicolas Sarkozy (then Interior Minister), late 2005.
Our fathers, we must repeat, did all that it was necessary then to do… They found despotism in heaven and on earth, and they instituted law. They found individual man disarmed, bare, unprotected, confounded…

It was necessary, above all things, to vindicate the rights of man, which were so cruelly outraged, and to re-establish this truth: “Man has rights, he is something; he cannot be disowned or annulled, even in the name of God; he is a responsible creature, but responsible for his own actions alone, for whatever good or evil he himself commits.”

Thus does this false liability for the actions of others disappear… The unjust transmission of good, perpetuated by the rights of the nobility; the unjust transmission of evil, by original sin, or the civil brand of being descended from sinners, are effaced by the Revolution.

Jules Michelet

Can France “outlaw” eating disorders?

law proposed by UMP in April 2008 would fine websites, billboards, magazines, etc. (any “public” communication) that encourage “excessive thinness”
What is Modern?

- **modern politics**: structures that allow for mass participation in public life

- **modern society (and economy)**: industrialization and mass production (peasantry replaced by “modern” working class)

- **modern culture**: awareness of change, which seems to be speeding up, such that “all that is solid melts into air”* and nothing is left but dizzying excitement of the always new as experienced via mass consumption and mass communication

* Marx and Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (1848)