This document offers a master reading list from which students will draw up individualized (and much shorter!) reading lists in preparing exams in two different but overlapping graduate fields in history—identified in lists of the fields of early modern France and early modern European intellectual and cultural history. As this joint document suggests, I typically combine the students preparing these two fields into one group for discussions every other week or so.

Some weeks' readings are clearly divided into two tracks--early modern intellectual cultural and early modern France--but in many weeks the syllabus is common to both tracks, or with an additional set of readings for the French angle. Students will form their personal reading lists for their general exam field by selecting from and adding to the readings for each week according to their interests; borrowings from the other track are always welcome. The majority of the readings are secondary sources; if you have no experience with primary sources in these areas, please familiarize yourself with some of the primary sources on the list (these are bolded) or others that we agree upon. Starred items are useful places to start in a given section. Double-starred items I would classify as “required” common reading.
General Reference

Early Modern French History—Dictionaries and Reference Books
François Bluche, *Dictionnaire du grand siècle* (1990)

French History Textbooks:
*William Beik, A social and cultural history of early modern France* (2009)
J.H.M. Salmon, *Society in Crisis: France in the 16th Century*

Early Modern European General History—Ref. Books
Thomas Brady, Heiko Oberman, and James Tracy, eds., *Handbook of European History 1400-1600* (1994)

Early Modern European General History—Textbooks
Geoffrey Parker, *Europe in Crisis 1598-1648* (2nd ed. 2001)

**Literary history surveys**

**Economic history**

**Historical sociology and other "big pictures"**

**Other countries**
Ethan Shagan, *The Rule of moderation* (2011) re EM England

---, "The Decline of Spain: An Historical Myth?" *Past and Present* (1978)

Hajo Holborn, *A history of modern Germany* (1982); vol 1: the Reformation; vol 2: 1648-1840
Thomas Brady, *German histories in the age of Reformations, 1400-1650* (2009): Reform and empire; 2 great maps (pdfsec)
Marc Raeff, *The well-ordered police state: social and institutional change through law in the Germanies and Russia, 1600-1800*. 1983


**Professional resources**
Earlymod.fas.harvard.edu
Sixteenth Century Studies
Renaissance Society of America
French Historical Studies
SESSION I : HISTORIOGRAPHY

WHAT IS EARLY MODERN EUROPE (IN COMMON)


Michael Wintle, The image of Europe visualizing Europe in cartography an diconography throughout the ages. CUP 2009
Denys Hay : Europe the emergence of an idea (1957)


FRANCE

Early modern France
*Peter Burke, French historical revolution: the Annales School 1929-89 (1990)
Stuart Clark, ed. The Annales School. Critical assessments, 4 vols. e.g. vol. 1 Lynn Hunt "Rise and Fall of the the Annales Paradigm" (vols. 1-2 on general issues; vol. 3 on Braudel; vol. 4 on specific historians, e.g. Febvre, Bloch, Goubert) (1999)

Browse one of these classics of “histoire totale”:
Pierre Deyon, Amiens, capitale provinciale (1967)
Pierre Goubert, Beauvais et le Beauvaisis (1960)

Biographies of/interviews with historians:
Natalie Zemon Davis, A Passion for History. Conversations with Denis Crouzet
---, "A Life of Learning" ACLS Haskins lecture (available on-line through Google)
Georges Duby, History continues (1997)
Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, L'historien, le chiffre et le texte (1997)
French national identity:
Pierre Nora, *Realms of Memory* vol. 1 (conflict and divisions), e.g. Chartier on St-Malo-Geneva line; vol. 2 (traditions): on specific books and monuments
David Bell, *The cult of the nation in France: inventing nationalism 1680-1800* (2001)
Peter Sahlins, *Unnaturally French: foreign citizens in the Old Regime and after* (2004); see also his *Boundaries on the Pyrenees (1659-1870)*—under Louis XIV.

EARLY MODERN INTELLECTUAL
Robert Darnton, "Intellectual and Cultural History" in *The Kiss of Lamourette* (1990)
Francis Oakley, “In praise of Lovejoy,” in Omnipotence, Covenant and Order. 1984

Skinner school:
---, "Motives, Intentions and the interpretation of Texts," *New Literary History* 3 (1972), 393-408.

¹ Introduction : interim intellectual history / Darrin M. McMahon and Samuel Moyn --
The return of the history of ideas? / Darrin M. McMahon --
Contextualism and criticism in the history of ideas / Peter E. Gordon --
Does intellectual history exist in France? : the chronicle of a renaissance foretold / Antoine Lilti --On conceptual history / Jan-Werner Müller --
Scandalous relations : supplementing intellectual and cultural history / Judith Surkis --
Imaginary intellectual history / Samuel Moyn --
Has the history of the disciplines had its day? / Suzanne Marchand --
Cosmologies materialized : history of science and history of ideas / John Tresch --
Decentering sex : reflections on Freud, Foucault, and subjectivity in intellectual history / Tracie Matysik --
Can we see ideas? : on evocation, experience, and empathy / Marci Shore --
The space of intellect and the intellect of space / John Randolph --
The international turn in intellectual history / David Armitage --
Global intellectual history and the Indian political / Shruti Kapila --
Intellectual history and the interdisciplinary ideal / Warren Breckman.
Cary Nederman “Quentin Skinner’s state” in Lineages of european Political thought (pdf)

EARLY MODERN CULTURAL
Carlo Ginzburg, "The Inquisitor as Anthropologist" in Clues, Myths and the Historical method (1992), pp. 156-164
*Peter Burke, What is Cultural History? (2004)
---. Varieties of Cultural History (1997)
Exploring cultural history : essays in honour of Peter Burke / edited by Melissa Calaresu, Filippo de Vivo and Joan Pau Rubiés (2010), e.g David Hopkin, "the ecotype or a modest proposal to reconnect cultural and social history" on how folk tales may vary according to the social and cultural context forming an ecotype.

NEW TRENDS: GLOBAL AND INTERCONNECTED
Jack Goldstone, "The problem of the 'early modern' world," Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient (1998)--on the applicability of "early modern" beyond Europe
Douki and Minard, “Global history, connected histories” Revue d'histoire moderne et contemporaine 2007/5 (No 54-4bis), p. 7-21. (in English in addition to French)
Sites of Mediation Connected Histories of Places, Processes, and Objects in Europe and Beyond, 1450–1650. Edited by Susanna Burghartz, Lucas Burkart, and Christine Göttler Brill 2016)

NEW TRENDS: EMOTIONOLOGY


NEW TRENDS: NEW ERUDITION
Randy Starn, "The new erudition" introduction to special issue of Representations (1996)

NEW TRENDS: MATERIAL HISTORY
Raffaela Sarti, Europe at Home. family and material culture 1500-1800. tr Allan Cameron. YUP 2002.
Paula Findlen, ed., Early Modern Things: Objects and Their Histories (New York: Routledge, 2012);
Victoria Avery, Melissa Calaresu, and Mary Laven, eds., Treasured Possessions from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment (London: Philip Wilson Publishers, 2015);
Evelyn Welch, Fashioning the Early Modern: Dress, Textiles, and Innovation in Europe, 1500-1800 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017);
Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Tangible Things: Making History through Objects (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015);

NEW TRENDS: Wissensgeschichte
Suzanne Marchand, “How Much Knowledge is Worth Knowing? An American Intellectual Historian’s Thoughts on the Geschichte des Wissens” Forthcoming in Berichte zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte / History of Science and Humanities
SESSION II: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURES OF EARLY MODERN FRANCE (and EUROPE)

General Europe:

Climate history:
Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Volume 45, Number 1, Summer 2014: articles by Morgan Kelly and Cormac Ó Gráda (skeptical), and Ulf Bäntgen and Lena Hellmann (more favorable to little ice age)

Peasants
Briggs, Chris and Zuijderduijn, Jaco. Land and Credit : Mortgages in the Medieval and Early Modern European Countryside 2018
Jonathan Dewald and Liana Vardi, "The peasantries of France 1400-1789" in Tom Scott ed., The peasantries of Europe from 14th to 18th Ct (1998)
Antoine Follain, Le village sous l'Ancien Régime (2008)
LeRoy Ladurie, "In Normandy's Woods and Fields," in The Territory of the Historian (1979), 133-73 (pdf) [on Gouberville diary—see Fedden below]

Primary sources: Pierre Goubert, Ancien Régime (1969): intro and primary sources
Manor life in old France from the journal of the sire de Gouberville, 1549-62, ed. Katharine W. Fedden (1933), pdf

Family and demographic history
Bernard Capp. The Ties that Bind. Siblings, family and society in Early Modern Europe . OUP 2018
Katherine Crawford, European Sexualities 1400-1800 (Cambridge series) (2007)
*Jean Louis Flandrin, Families in Former Times: kinship, household, and sexuality [focus on France] (1979)
Philippe Ariès, Centuries of Childhood (1962)
Hervé Le Bras, The nature of demography (2008, but based on much earlier work)
For historical interest browse Louis Henry, *Manuel de démographie historique* (1967)
Christopher Johnson and David Sabean, eds., *Sibling relations and the transformations of European kinship, 1300-1900* (2011)

**Urban history and trade**

Robert DuPlessis, Transitions to capitalism (Cambridge series ; new approaches to European history, 1997)
*Cultural Exchange in Early Modern Europe*, vol. II (Cambridge University Press, 2007). E.g. Alberto Grohmann "Fairs as sites of economic and cultural exchange" in *Cultural Exchange in Early Modern Europe*; Marc Boone and Heleny Porfyriou "Markets, squares, streets: urban space, a tool for cultural exchange"

**Nobility--robe and sword**


Social relations, politics, and power in early modern France : Robert Descimon and the historian's craft, ed. Barbara Diefendorf (2016)²
Robert Descimon, “Chercher de nouvelles voies pour interpréter les phénomènes nobiliaires dans la France moderne. La noblesse, ‘essence’ ou rapport social?” *Revue d'histoire moderne et...*

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contemporaine 46 (1999): 5-21. Also in same volume: P. Hamon’s “la chute de la maison de Thou”
Ellery Schalk, From Valor to Pedigree: Ideas of Nobility in France in the 16th and 17th Centuries (1986)
George Huppert, Le bourgeois gentilhomme: an essay on the definition of elites in Renaissance France (1977)
Davis Bitton, The French Nobility in Crisis 1560-1640 (1969)
Chatelain, Chronique d’une ascension sociale: exercice de la parenté chez de grands officiers (XVIe-XVIIe siècles) (EHESS, 2008)

Sample noble family histories:
Haddad, Fondation et ruine d’une “maison”: histoire sociale des comtes de Belin (1582-1706) (Presses universitaires de Limoges, 2009).

Primary
Charles Loyseau, A Treatise of Orders and Plain Dignities (1994)
SESSION II INTELLECTUAL HISTORY: ARISTOTELIANISM AND THE UNIVERSITIES

Medieval background
*Steven Marrone, "The rise of universities" in the Cambridge History of Medieval Phil (2010), pp. 50-62 pdf

Colish, Marcia, Medieval Foundations of the Western Intellectual Tradition (1997)
Jacques Verger, Men of Learning in Europe at the End of the Middle Ages (2000)
G. R. Evans, ed., The Medieval theologians (2001)
Hilde de Ridder-Symoens, ed. Universities in the Middle Ages (1992)
H. Rashdall, F. Powicke et al., The Universities of Europe in the Middle Ages (1987)
William Courtenay, Teaching Careers at the University of Paris in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries (1988)
Christopher Ocker: biblical poetics before humanism and reformation (2002). Talks about how the literal sense gradually takes over in the 13th and 14th ct. fusion of exegesis and doctrine.

Condemnations of 1277
Andrew Larsen, The School of Heretics. Academic condemnation at the University of Oxford 1277-1409. Brill 2011

Early modern universities
Laurence Brockliss, *French Higher Education in the 17th and 18th centuries* (1987)

**Renaissance Aristotelianism**

*Charles Schmitt, *Aristotle and the Renaissance*


SESSION III INTELLECTUAL: RENAISSANCE HUMANISM

INTRODUCTION TO THE RENAISSANCE—good places to start
Paul O. Kristeller, *Renaissance thought and its sources*
Ronald Witt, *In the footsteps of the ancients: the origins of humanism from Lovato to Bruni* (2000)

FOR REFERENCE
Charles Schmitt, ed., *Cambridge History of Renaissance Philosophy* (1988) ; appendix on the transmission of many authors. pdfsecondary

CULTURAL HISTORY (see section on selfhood in session V, sensation in session XII).
Ulinka Rublack, 'Matter in the Material Renaissance', *Past & Present*, May 2013, 41-84. Focus on leather

**Baron Thesis**—fine to skip
Hans Baron, "Leonardo Bruni: 'Professional Rhetorician' or 'Civic Humanist'?" *Past and Present* 36 (1967): 21-37

**Rome**
Charles Stinger, The Renaissance in Rome (1985), focus on papacy

**Humanist education**
Robert Black, *Humanism and education in medieval and Renaissance Italy* (2001)
Grafton and Jardine, *From Humanism to the Humanities* (1986)
Paul Grendler, *Schooling in Renaissance Italy: literacy and learning 1300-1600* (1989)

**Humanism and natural history**

**Renaissance philosophy: Platonism and anti-Aristotelianism**
*Kristeller, Eight philosophers of the Italian Renaissance* (1964)

**Primary:** Cassirer et al eds., *Renaissance Philosophy of Man: source selections in translation*

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James Tracy, Erasmus (1972)
---, The Politics of Erasmus (1979)
Margaret Mann Phillips, Erasmus and the Northern Renaissance (1949) [easy biography]
Bruce Mansfield, Phoenix of his Age: interpretations of Erasmus 1550-1750 (1979)
Erika Rummel, The confessionalization of humanism in Reformation Germany (2000)
Anthony Grafton, Commerce with the Classics (1995)

Other places:
SESSION III: FRENCH RENAISSANCE MONARCHY

French humanism
Augustin Renaudet, Préréforme et humanisme à Paris pendant les premières guerres d'Italie (1494-1517) (1916); for a short version in English see Renaudet, "Paris from 1494 to 1517--Church and University; Religious Reforms; Culture and the Humanists' Critiques," in Werner Gundersheimer, French Humanism (1969), pp. 65-89.
Gerald Sandy, The classical heritage in France (2002)
Grafton on Guillaume Budé in Commerce with the Classics (1995)

primary: Budé, "On establishing the study of letters" and Rabelais, from Gargantua and Pantagruel, in The Northern Renaissance, ed. Lewis Spitz, pp. 48-72.

French Renaissance kingship
J. Russell Major, From Renaissance Monarchy to Absolute Monarchy: French kings, nobles and estates (1994); but see also William Beik, "The absolutism of Louis XIV as social collaboration," (a review essay) Past and Present (2005), 195-224.
Ralph Giesey, Rulership in France 15th-17th cities (2004)


Rituals and culture
Ceremonial Culture in Pre-Modern Europe, ed. Howe (Notre Dame, 2007)
Edward Muir, Ritual in Early Modern Europe, 2nd ed.(Cambridge, 2005),
Ralph Giesey, Royal Funeral Ceremony in Renaissance France (1960)
Sarah Hanley, Lit de Justice of the Kings of France: Constitutional Ideology in Legend, Ritual and Discourse (1983)
Lawrence Bryant, The King and the City in the Parisian Royal Entry Ceremony: Politics, Ritual and Art in the Renaissance (1986)
Michael Wintroub, A savage mirror: power, identity and knowledge in early modern France (2006)

For a critique of the American ceremonialis\texttildelowst\textit{t} school, see Alain Boureau, « Les cérémonies royales françaises entre performance juridique et compétence liturgique », Annales, E.S.C., 6, nov-déc. 1991, p. 1253-1264.

\textbf{Kantorowicz}
Ernst H. Kantorowicz, \textit{The King's Two Bodies: A study in Mediaeval Political Theology} (1957); OR “Pro patria mori in medieval political thought,” \textit{American Historical Review} 56:3 (1951)
On Kantorowicz:
Marc Bloch, \textit{The Royal Touch: monarchy and miracles in France and England} (1961, tr'n of Roi thaumaturge)

\textbf{Monarchs}
Anne-Marie Lecoq, \textit{François Ier imaginaire} (1987)

\textbf{Art and patronage}

\textbf{FOR REFERENCE}
Gaston Zeller, \textit{Les institutions de la France au 16e siècle} (1948)
SESSION IV: PRINTING (IN COMMON)
for more references, see the lists for the exam field in History of the Book, accessible from my website

Beginnings and impact of printing:
*David McKitterick, Print, Manuscript and the Search for Order 1450-1830 (2003)
Lucien Febvre and Henri-Jean Martin, The Coming of the Book (1976)
Rudolf Hirsch, Printing, Selling and Reading 1450-1550 (1967)
Adrian Johns, The Nature of the Book, introduction (for a shortcut to this book, see the selection by Adrian Johns in The Book History Reader, ed. David Finkelstein and Alistair McLeod)

Also postal service:
Wolfgang Behringer, Communications Revolutions: A Historiographical Concept (Saarland University) German History Vol. 24 No. 3 pdf.

Book culture
Roger Chartier, The Order of Books: readers, authors and libraries in Europe form fourteenth to eighteenth century (1994)
---, Inscription and erasure: literature and written culture from the 11th to the 18th century (2007)
Leiden ; Boston : Brill, 2007
French books of hours: making an archive of prayer, c. 1400-1600 / Virginia Reinburg.
Cambridge ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2012. notes that pub of bks of hours in 16th were at the highest in 1st decade, then steady drop and very few in late 16th

Guglielmo Cavallo and Roger Chartier, eds. A History of Reading in the West, esp. chs. on early modern
Ann Blair, Too Much To Know: managing scholarly information before the modern age (2010)
Peter Burke, A social history of knowledge (2000)
Books and Enlightenment
SESSION V: REFORMATIONS

*James Tracy,* Europe's Reformations, 1450-1650 (1999)
Robert Scribner, Reformation in national context (1994)
Brad Gregory, Salvation at Stake: Christian martyrdom in early modern Europe (1999)
Heinz Schilling, Early modern European civilization and its political and cultural dynamism (2008)
Von Greyerz, Kaspar, Religion and Culture in early modern Europe 1500-1800. chs on ripple effect of the reformation, renewal vs ossification, community, outcasts, separatism, privatization of piety, self-questioning of early modern religiosity

LUTHERANISM (intellectual/cultural)

*Steven Ozment,* The Age of Reform 1250-1550: an intellectual and religious history of late medieval and reformation Europe (1980)
---, The Reformation in the Cities (1975).
---, Religion and Culture in Germany 1400-1800 (2001)
---, The German Reformation (1986)
---, For the Sake of Simple Folk (1994)
Gerald Strauss, "Success and Failure in the German Reformation," Past and Present 67 (1975): 30-63
---, Luther's House of Learning (1978)
---, The impact of the Reformation (1994)
---, Luther: man between God and the devil (1989)
Bernd Moeller, Imperial cities and the Reformation: three cities (1972)
Thomas Tentler, Sin and Confession on the Eve of the Reformation (1977)

REFORMED –CALVINISM, ZWINGLIANISM

Richard Muller Post Reformation Reformed Dogmatics (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1987-2003) charting their scholastic turn; but an updated account of the turn among Lutherans is conspicuous by its absence.
François Wendel, *Calvin: origins and development of his religious thought* (1987)
---, *Geneva and the Consolidation of the French Protestant Movement, 1564-1572* (1967)

**ENGLAND--a few pointers (intellectual/cultural)**

**CATHOLICISM--GENERAL EUROPE**
Gigliola Fragnito, ed., *Church, censorship and culture in early modern Italy* (2001)

**ITALY including ITALIAN REFORMATION (including sozzini/socinianism)**
Simone Maghenzani, “The Protestant Reformation in Counter-Reformation Italy, ca 1550-1660” an overview of new evidence.” *Church History* 83:3 (2014), 571-589
Mario Biagioni, *the radical Reformation and the making of modern Europe* (Brill, 2017)

**FRANCE**
Joseph Bergin, *Church, society and religious change in France, 1580-1730* (2009)
Philip Hoffman, *Church and Community in the Diocese of Lyon, 1500-1784* (1984)
Francis Higman, *Censorship and the Sorbonne* (1979)

**SPAIN**
Elizabeth Perry and Anne J. Cruz, eds., *Culture and Control in Counter-Reformation Spain* (1991)
Seth Kimmel, *Parables of Coercion: conversion and knowledge at the end of Islamic Spain*

**SELFHOOD** (see senses/sensation in session XII)
SESSION VI: SCEPTICAL CRISIS AND WARS OF RELIGION

SCEPTICISM, LIBERTINISM, "ATHEISM", ETHICS
Skepticism in Renaissance and post-Renaissance thought: new interpretations / José R. Maia Neto & Richard H. Popkin, eds. 2004
Skepticism: an anthology [primary sources] 2007
*Richard Popkin, History of skepticism from Erasmus to Spinoza (latest ed 2003)
Michael Hunter and David Wootton, eds. Atheism from the reformation to the enlightenment (1992), especially intro.
Alan Kors, Atheism in France 1650-1729 (1990)
Backlash against Popkin:
Jon Snyder, Dissimulation and culture of secrecy in early modern europe (2012)


Rabelais and the problem of unbelief
Lucien Febvre, The problem of unbelief in the 16th-century, the religion of Rabelais (1942; 1982, English); a classic to browse

HISTORICAL THOUGHT
Companion to Western Historical Thought, ed. Lloyd Krane and Sarah Maza (2002); articles on microhistory, histoire totale etc.
FRANCE:
Primary: Bodin, Method for the easy comprehension of history, chs. 1-3 and browse the rest

GENERAL EUROPE
Peter Burke, *Renaissance Sense of the Past* (1969)
George Nadel, "The Philosophy of History before Historicism," *History and Theory* (1964)
Arnaldo Momigliano, “Gibbon’s contribution to historical method” in *Studies in Historiography* (1966)

**POLITICAL THEORY**

Annabel Brett, "Political thought" in the *Oxford handbook of early modern European history* ed Hamish Scott

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*Quentin Skinner, The Foundations of Modern Political Thought (1978), vol. 2, part 3 (on Calvinist resistance theory); the rest is excellent too, to read depending on your interests
Frederic Baumgartner, Radical Revolutionaries: the political thought of the French Catholic League (1976)
Jacob Soll, Publishing The Prince: history, reading, & the birth of political criticism (2005)
J.H. Burns, ed., The Cambridge history of political thought 1450-1700 (1991). e.g. article by Peter Burke on tacitism.
Gerhard Oestreich, Neostoicism and the early modern state (1982)
William F. Church, Richelieu and Reason of State (1973)
**Primary:** Jean Bodin, Six Books of the Commonwealth (1576, Latin 1586; English 1606), facsimile of 1995 includes best biographical overview by Kenneth MacRae; also English abridgment by Tooley.

**MONTAIGNE AND LITERARY CULTURE**
I.D. MacFarlane and Ian Maclean, eds., Montaigne: essays in memory of Richard Sayce--useful introduction to Montaigne
George Hoffmann, Montaigne's Career (1998)

**Primary:** Montaigne, Essays. Especially to the reader, I, 31 (Of cannibals); II, 11 (Of cruelty); II, 32 (Defense of Seneca and Plutarch); III, 6 (Of coaches); III, 11 (Of cripples).

**FRANCE: WARS OF RELIGION**
Barbara Diefendorf, Beneath the Cross: Catholics and Huguenots in 16th-century Paris (1991)


Denis Crouzet, *Dieu en ses royaumes: une histoire des guerres de religion* (c2008)

---, *Les guerriers de Dieu: la violence au temps des troubles de religion, vers 1525-vers 1610* (1990)


Van Orden, Kate.


**Primary:** (French) Memoires de mme de Mornay. Ed nadine Kuperty-Tsur (2010) [wife of Duplessis-Mornay, with description of St Bartholomew’s Day massacre]
SESSION VII : POPULAR CULTURE (IN COMMON)

*Peter Burke, Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe (1978) [there’s a third edition by now, though I’m not sure what the additions are]
Alain Boureau, « Une histoire intellectuelle des populations médiévales », Annales HSC 61, 1, 2006, p. 233-244.
**Primary:** Domenico Scandella, known as Menocchio: his trials before the Inquisition (1996)


*Natalie Zemon Davis, Society and culture in early modern France (1975)--select two articles; themes includes gender, printing, religion
Timothy Chesters, Ghost stories in late Renaissance France: walking by night (2011)
Wayne Te Brake, Shaping History: Ordinary People in European Politics, 1500-1700

MATERIAL HISTORY
Rublack, Dressing Up: Cultural Identity in Renaissance Europe, Oxford University Press: 2010,

Other:

Witchcraft
Mary Wiesner, Witchcraft in early modern Europe (2006)
Norman Cohn, Europe's Inner Demons [on deep origins of some of the witchcraft accusations in criticisms levelled against other chns--heretics]

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Bengt Ankarloo, ed., *Early Modern European Witchcraft: Centres and Peripheries* (1990)—good geographical diversity

**Popular Print Culture**
*Roger Chartier, “Culture as Appropriation,” in Understanding Popular Culture: Europe from the Middle Ages to the Nineteenth Century, ed. S. Kaplan (1982). Also see the article by Revel in the same volume on elites and popular culture

**Literacy**
Istvan Toth, *Literacy and Written Culture in Early Modern Central Europe* (2000)
Gender:
Mary Wiesner, Women and gender in early modern Europe (1993) [has a recent new edition]
Katherine Crawford, European Sexualities 1400-1800 (2007) (Cambridge new approaches)
Clare Crowston, Fabricating women: the seamstresses of Old Regime France, 1675-1791 (2001)
SESSION VIII: SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION

General:
Ann Blair "Science and Religion," in Cambridge History of Christianity
Roy Porter, ed., The Scientific Revolution in national context (1992)
Peter Dear, Revolutionizing the Sciences (2001)
Alexandre Koyré, From the closed world to the infinite universe (1968, c1957)

On "revolution" and the history of science:
I.B. Cohen, Revolution in Science (1985) ch. on the term 'revolution'
Thomas Kuhn, The Structure of Scientific Revolutions (1962)
---, "Mathematical vs experimental traditions in the development of physical science” in The Essential Tension (1977)
---, "The History of Science" in International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences (1968)

Copernicus to Newton
Thomas Kuhn, The Structure of Scientific Revolutions (1962)
--- "Mathematical vs. experimental traditions in the development of physical science" in The Essential Tension (1977)
*Kuhn, The Copernican revolution (1957), ch. 5 on Copernicus' innovation

Primary: Copernicus, preface to De revolutionibus (tr. Edward Rosen)
Rob Iliffe, Newton: A very short introduction (2007); Priest of nature (on the first half of Newton’s life) (2017)
Mario Biagioli, Galileo Courtier (1993)
Richard Blackwell, Galileo, Bellarmine and the Bible (1991)
David Wootton, Galileo, Watcher of the stars (2010)
Robert Westman, The Copernican Question: prognostication, skepticism and the celestial order (2011)
Owen Gingerich, The book nobody read--chasing the revolutions of Nicolaus Copernicus; An annotated census of Copernicus' De Rev.
Bacon and Baconianism
---, English Scientific Virtuosi in the 16th and 17th centuries (UCLA, 1979)
Steven Shapin, A Social History of Truth (1994)
Charles Webster, The Great Instauration (1975); summary version in his article in God and Nature, ed. Lindberg and Numbers
Stephen Gaukroger, Francis Bacon and the Transformation of Early Modern Philosophy (2001)
---, Science and the Shape of Orthodoxy (1995)

Life sciences
Nancy G Siraisi, Medieval and early Renaissance medicine: an introduction to knowledge and practice (1990)
Roger French, William Harvey's Natural Philosophy (1994)
Alix Cooper, Inventing the indigenous: local knowledge and natural history in early modern Europe (2007)
Andrew Wear, RK French and IM Lonie eds., The Medical Renaissance of the 16th Century (1985)

Artisanal and mercantile practices (in relation to science)
Harold Cook, matters of exchange (2007)
Pamela Smith and Paula Findlen, Merchants and marvels: commerce, science and art in early modern Europe (2002)
Paolo Rossi, Philosophy, technology, and the arts in the early modern era. 1970
SESSION VIII FRANCE: ABSOLUTISM UNDER LOUIS XIII

William F. Church, Richelieu and Reason of State (1973)
Elizabeth Marvick, Louis XIII: the Making of a King (1986) [psychohistory]
Geoffrey Treasure, Richelieu and Mazarin (1998)
Joseph Bergin ed., Richelieu and his age (1992)
Sharon Kettering, Patrons, Brokers and Clients in 17th-century France (1986)
Sara Melzer and Kathryn Norberg eds., From the royal to the republican body: incorporating the political in 17th and 18th ct France (1998)
Jeffrey Sawyer, Printed poison: printed propaganda, faction politics and the public sphere in early 17th-century France (1990)
David Parrott, Richelieu’s army: War, government and society in France 1624-42 (2001)

**Taxes and finances**
---, The limits of absolutism in ancien regime France (1995)
---, Political Change in France under Richelieu and Mazarin 1624-61 (1978)

**Resistances to absolutism**
*Yves-Marie Bercé, The History of peasant revolts (1990)
Michael T Davis, Crowd actions in Britain and France from the Middle Ages to the modern world (2015)
Wayne Te Brake, Shaping History: Ordinary People in European Politics, 1500-1700
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Perez Zagorin, Rebels and Rulers 1500-1660 (1982)
Geoffrey Parker, *The Thirty Years' War* (2nd ed. 1997)
---, *Empire, war and faith in early modern Europe* (2002)
Thomas Dandelet, *Renaissance Diplomacy* (1955)
Robyn Adams, Rosanna Cox. ed *Diplomacy and early modern culture*, 2011

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SESSION IX : 17TH CENTURY CULTURE

New institutions—academies
Roger Hahn, The anatomy of a scientific institution: the Paris Academy of Sciences, 1666-1803 (1971)
Daniel Roche, Le siecle des lumieres en province: academies et academiciens provinciaux 1680-1789 (1978)

New institutions—salons and coffeehouses
Carolyn Lougee, Le paradis des femmes: women, salons and social stratification in 17th century France (1976)
Elizabeth Goldsmith, Exclusive conversations: the art of interaction in 17th century France (1988)
Antoine Lilti, Le monde des salons: sociabilité et mondanité à Paris au XVIIIe (2005)
Faith Beasley, Salons, History and the Creation of Seventeenth-Century France (2006)
The social life of coffee : the emergence of the British coffeehouse / Brian Cowan. 2005
Markman Ellis, the coffee house: a cultural history. 2004.

New (or not so new) institutions: the Republic of Letters:
Large on line bibliography re Republic of letters 1550-1750 : http://www.culturesofknowledge.org/?page_id=191 [pdf of list under bibliography]
Hans Bots and Françoise Waquet, La république des Lettres (1997)

Descartes and Cartesianism
*Cambridge Companion to Descartes: articles by Roger Ariew (Descartes' life in context) and Nicholas Jolley (reception of Descartes)
Desmond Clarke, Descartes: a biography (2006)
Stephen Gaukroger, Descartes: an intellectual biography (1997)
Thomas Lennon, Battle of the Gods and the Giants (1993): on Gassendists vs Cartesian
---, Descartes and the last scholastics (1999) [difficult!]
Garber, Descartes Embodied: Reading Cartesian Philosophy through Cartesian Science (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001)
Erica Harth, Cartesian women: versions and subversions of rational discourse in the old regime (1992)
Tad Schmaltz, Radical Cartesianism: The French Reception of Descartes (Cambridge University Press, 2002)
Verbeek, Descartes and the Dutch: Early Reactions to Cartesian Philosophy, 1637-1650 (Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press, 1992)
Thomas Lenon, The battle of the gods and giants: the legacies of Descartes and Gassendi (1993)
Lynn Sumida Joy, Gassendi, the atomist: advocate of history in an age of science (1992)
Catherine Wilson, Epicureanism at the origins of modernity (2008)
Deborah Brown, Descartes and the Passionate Mind (2006)

Science and learning:
Francoise Waquet, Latin, or, The empire of the sign : from the sixteenth to the twentieth century (2001)

---, "The Crystallization of a New Narrative Form in experimental reports (1660-90)" *Science in Context* 7 (Summer 1994): 205-44.

**Primary:**
*Descartes, Discourse on Method*
Fontenelle, *Conversations on the plurality of worlds*

**Jansenism**
Lucien Goldmann, *The Hidden God* (1964)—on Racine and Pascal [a classic, but dated]

**Primary:** Blaise Pascal, *Pensées*, best English edition is by Roger Ariew (Hackett, 2005)

**French classical literature**
René Pintard, *Le libertinage érudit* (1943)
Alain Viala, *La naissance de l'écrivain: la sociologie de la littérature à l'âge classique* (1985)

**primary:***

- Corneille, *Le Cid*
- Molière, *Tartuffe* (among many others)

**CONTACT WITH OTHER CULTURES**

**With Islam**

**With Asia.**
- Florence Hsia, *Sojourners in a Strange Land: Jesuits and their Scientific Missions in Late Imperial China* (2009)

**With Americas:**
- ---, *Le huguenot et le sauvage* (1990)
- ---, *Trickster Travels: a sixteenth-century Muslim between worlds* (2006)
- Marcus Rediker, *Outlaws of the Atlantic: Sailors, Pirates, and Motley Crews in the Age of Sail* (Boston, 2014),
David Abulafia’s *The Discovery of Mankind, Atlantic Encounters in the Age of Columbus* (London, 2008).
Michael Ryan, "Assimilating new worlds in the 16 and 17th centuries," *Comparative studies in society and history* (1981), 519-36

**General global:**
Serge Gruzinski, *The Eagle and the Dragon. globalization and European dreams of conquest in China and America in the sixteenth century. 2014*
Histoire du monde au XVIe siècle / sous la direction de Patrick Boucheron ; coordonné par Julien Loiseau, Pierre Monnet et Yann Potin =world hist in 15th ct.
Peter Hulme and Tim Youngs eds., *Cambridge Companion to Travel Writing* (2004)
Glenn Ames, Colbert, mercantilism and the quest for Asian trade (1996)
Charles S. Maier, *Once Within Borders: Territories of Power, Wealth, and Belonging Since 1500. 2016*

**NOTIONS OF EMPIRE**
The web of empire: English cosmopolitans in an age of expansion, 1560-1660 / Alison Games (2008).

**JUDAISM**
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**France and the World**
SESSION X INTELLECTUAL: PRE-ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE HAZARD THESIS
*Paul Hazard, *The European Mind, 1680–1715* (1935; 1953 in English), only chs. 1-4
April Shelford Transforming the republic of letters: Pierre-Daniel Huet and European intellectual life, 1650-1720 (2007)
http://www.h-france.net/vol2reviews/shank.html
Lewis Beck, *Early German Philosophy: Kant and his predecessors* (1969) -- starts in late Middle Ages

**Quarrel of ancients and moderns**

**Origins of Enlightenment:**
**Primary:** Pierre Bayle, *Historical and Critical Dictionary*
Fontenelle, *Conversations on the Plurality of Worlds*

**Biblical Criticism:**


Peter Byrne, *Natural religion and the nature of religion: the legacy of deism* (1981)


**Political thought**


Richard Tuck, *Natural rights theories: their origin and development* (1979)


**On Leibniz:**

Louis Couturat, *La logique de Leibniz d’après des documents inédits* (1901) – classic study

Leroy Loemker, *Struggle for synthesis: the 17th century background of Leibniz's synthesis of order and freedom* (1972)

SESSION X FRANCE: LOUIS XIV

*William Beik, "The absolutism of Louis xiv as social collaboration," (a review essay) Past and Present (2005), 195-224;
*Peter Burke, The Fabrication of Louis XIV (1992)
Lionel Rothkrug, Opposition to Louis XIV; the political and social origins of the French Enlightenment (1965)
Pierre Goubert, Louis XIV and Twenty Million Frenchmen (1966- French, 1970- English) [general history, esp. political]
Nancy Mitford, The Sun King (1966)
William Beik, Absolutism and society in 17th century France: state power and provincial aristocracy in Languedoc (1985)
---, Power and faction in Louis XIV’s France (1988)
Fanny Cosandey and Robert Descimon, L’Absolutisme en France: Histoire et historiographie (Paris: Seuil, 2002);
Zoë A. Schneider, The King’s Bench: Bailiwick Magistrates and Local Governance in Normandy, 1670-1740 (Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2008)

John Jeter Hurt, Louis XIV and the Parlements: the Assertion of Royal Authority (2002)
Giora Sternberg, “Epistolary Ceremonial: Corresponding Status at the Time of Louis XIV,” Past and Present (June 2009)
Giora Sternberg, Status Interaction during the Reign of Louis XIV (Oxford, 2014)
Jacob Soll, The Information Master: Jean-Baptiste Colbert's secret state intelligence system (2009)
Darryl Dee, Expansion and crisis in Louis XIV's France : Franche-Comté and absolute monarchy, 1674-1715 (2009)
Michael P. Breen, Law, city, and king: legal culture, municipal politics, and state formation in early modern Dijon (2007)

Primary: Saint-Simon, Memoirs

Military revolution:
Gunn Steven David Grummitt and Hans Cools. "War and the State in Early Modern Europe: Widening the Debate" War In History 2008; 15; 371-389 pdf
Brian Downing, The Military Revolution and political change (1992)

Court society--Elias and his critics
Roger Chartier (in praise of Elias), in prefaces to Elias' works reprinted in On the Edge of the Cliff (1997)
Critiques:

Culture
Marc Fumaroli, The Poet and the king: Jean de La Fontaine and his century (2002)
Louis Marin, *Portrait of the King* (1988)
Claire Goldstein, *Vaux and Versailles: the appropriations, erasures and accidents that made modern France* (2008)
SESSION XI: ENLIGHTENMENT I

Norman Hampson, The Enlightenment (1968)
Roy Porter, The Enlightenment (2001) [only 90pp!]

French 18th ct general history:
Michael Kwass, Privilege and the Politics of Taxation in Eighteenth-Century France: Liberté, Égalité, Fiscalité (Cambridge, 2000), examined political culture through the lens of fiscality to offer a new interpretation of the origins of the French Revolution.
---Contraband: Louis Mandrin and the Making of a Global Underground (Harvard, 2014), Adding an explicitly political dimension to recent studies of the “consumer revolution,” the book recounts the life of the legendary French smuggler Louis Mandrin, a Gallic Robin Hood whose brazen illicit trade flouted the law and drew public attention to the war on contraband.

Toward the French Revolution (brief pointers):
François Furet and Mona Ozouf, ed., A Critical dictionary of the French Revolution (1989)--this is a landmark book with longer conceptual articles
Colin Jones, The Great Nation: France from Louis XV to Napoleon (2002)
William Doyle, The Ancien Régime (2001)
Peter Campbell, Power and Politics in Old Regime France 1720-45 (1996)
Steven Kaplan, Provisioning Paris: merchants and millers in the grain and flour trade during the 18th century (1984)
Daniel Roche. The people of Paris: an essay in popular culture in the 18th century (1987)
Jeremy Popkin, A short History fo the French revolution (5th ed 2010) + hist of modern France
William Doyle, The French Revolution: a very short introduction

Some historiography on French Revolution (courtesy of Hannah Callaway):
Cluster 1: Edelstein and Sewell/Merriman showing the long arc of the Revolution connecting either to social revolution or totalitarianism; Gruder and Andrews fill out the portrait of the legacy of antagonism—more fine grained. Discuss: the relationship between larger arguments and methodology in historical work


Cluster 2:


**General French Enlightenment:**


* ---, *The Great Cat Massacre* (1984)


---, "Social history of ideas" in his *The Kiss of Lamourette* (1990) (historiographical overview)


---, *Le siècle des Lumières en province* (1978)


**General non-French Enlightenment**

* Roy Porter *Enlightenment in national context.*
Dale van Kley and James Bradley eds., Religion and politics in Enlightenment Europe (2001)
Charles Withers, Placing the Enlightenment: thinking geographically about the age of reason (2007)

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Roy Porter, Enlightenment: Britain and the creation of the modern world (2000)

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Thomas Howard, Protestant Theology and the Making of the Modern German University (2006)
Martin Mulsow, "Eclecticism or skepticism? a problem of the early enlightenment," JHI 58 (1997), 465-77
Conal Condren, Stephen Gaukroger and Ian Hunter eds., The philosopher in early modern Europe: the nature of a contested identity (2008)
Frederick Beiser, The fate of reason: German philosophy from Kant to Fichte (1987)
Barbara Becker-Cantarino, German literature of the eighteenth century: enlightenment and sensibility (2005)
Benjamin Redekop, Enlightenment and Community: Lessing, Abbt and Herder and the quest for a German public (2000)
Han Vermeulen, Before Boas: The Genesis of Ethnography and Ethnology in the German Enlightenment (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2015).

MEDITERRANEAN
Francesca Bregoli, Mediterranean Enlightenment, chapter 6.
ITALY Massimo Mazzotti, The world of Maria Gaetana Agnesi, mathematician of God (2007)

OTHER
S. Frederick Starr. Lost Enlightenment: central Asia's Golden Age (2013??)
Enlightenment and revolution : the making of modern Greece / Paschalis M. Kitromilides.

SELFHOOD see SESSION V

SENSES/SENSATION/BODY
The navigation of feeling : a framework for the history of emotions / William M. Reddy 2001
Alain Corbin, Time, desire and horror: towards a history of the senses (1995)
Daniel Roche. The culture of clothing : dress and fashion in the ancien regime (1994)
Dror Wahrman, The making of the modern self: identity and culture in eighteenth-century
SESSION XII: ENLIGHTENMENT II

*Kant, "What is Enlightenment?" (1784)

Postmodernism and Enlightenment:
Keith Michael Baker and Peter Hanns Reill, What's Left of Enlightenment, a postmodern question (2001)
Massimo Rospocher, « Beyond the Public Sphere: A historiographical transition », in Id., Beyond the Public Sphere. Opinions, Publics, Spaces in Early Modern Europe, Bologna, il Mulino ; Berlin, Duncker & Humbolt, 2012, p. 9-28

Primary: Foucault, Madness and Civilization
Horkheimer and Adorno, Dialectic of Enlightenment

Public sphere
Daniel Gordon. "Philosophy, Sociology and Gender in the Enlightenment Conception of Public Opinion,” French Historical studies 1992, 17:4, p. 882-911. [This is a special issue on the public sphere]
Margaret Jacob, “The Mental Landscape of the Public Sphere: A European Perspective,” Eighteenth Century Studies 28 (1994): 95-113

Religion:
James M. Byrne. Religion and the Enlightenment : from Descartes to Kant. 1997
Carl Becker, The Heavenly City of the Eighteenth-Century Philosophers (1932)
David Hempton, The Church in the long eighteenth century (2011)
G. Cragg, The Church and the age of reason (1960)
Frank Manuel, The Eighteenth Century Confronts the Gods (1959)
Dale van Kley, The Jansenists and the expulsion of the Jesuits from France 1757-65 (1975)
Abraham Anderson ed., The treatise of the three impostors and the problem of the Enlightenment (1997)
J.B. Bury, The idea of progress: an inquiry into its origin and growth (1932)

**History of sciences and social sciences:**
Mary Terrall, The Man who flattened the earth: Maupertuis and the science in the enlightenment (2002)
François de Gandt, Cirey dans la vie intellectuelle: réception de Newton en France (2001)
Charles Gillispie, Science and Polity in France at the end of the Old Regime (1980)
Terence Glacken, Traces on the Rhodian shore: nature and culture in western thought (1967)
Anthony Pagden, The Fall of Natural Man (1982)
---, "18th-century anthropology and the 'history of mankind,'" in Donald Kelley ed., History and the Disciplines (1997)
Emma Rothschild, Economic Sentiments: Adam Smith, Condorcet and the Enlightenment (2001)
Arnaldo Momigliano, Essays in ancient and modern historiography (1977)
--- and Michael Lynn, Popular science and public opinion in eighteenth-century France (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2006)
Sophus Reinert, Translating Empire: Emulation and the Origins of Political Economy (2011)[or earlier]

**Arts and Technology**
Ann Bermingham, Learnig got drw. studies in the cultural history of a polite and useful art (2000)
Lissa Roberts, Simon Schaffer, Peter Dear eds., The Mindful Hand: Inquiry and Invention from the Late Ren to early Industrialisation (2007)
Liliane Hilaire-Perez, l'invention technique au siecle des lumieres (2000)
Irène Mainguy, Symbolique des outils et glorifications du métier (2007)
Hélène Verin, La gloire des ingenieurs. l'intelligence technique du XVIe au XVIIIe siecle (1993)

**Philology**
**Individual thinkers:**

**Voltaire**
Haydn Mason, *Voltaire, a biography*
Cronk, ed. *Cambridge Companion to Voltaire*

*Primary:* *Voltaire, Letters on England*

**Montesquieu**

**Diderot and the Encyclopédie:**
Robert Darnton, "Philosophers trim the tree of knowledge" in *Great Cat Massacre* (1984)
*Primary:* Jean le Rond d'Alembert, *Preliminary Discourse*
Diderot, "Encyclopedia" article in the *Encyclopédie* in *The Old Regime and the French Revolution* ed. Keith Michael Baker [http://encyclopedie.uchicago.edu/](http://encyclopedie.uchicago.edu/), and, second of all, whether there is a good English translation of entries available online, akin to the ARTFL which has the French (http://encyclopedie.uchicago.edu/).

**Richard Bentley:**

**Edward Gibbon**

**La Mettrie**
Kathleen Wellman, *La Mettrie: Medicine, Philosophy and Enlightenment* (1992)

**D'Holbach:**

**Giambattista Vico**
Grafton's edition of Vico, The New Science with a useful introduction
Isaiah Berlin, Against the current: essays in the history of ideas (on Hume, Vico, Montesquieu)
Joseph Levine, "Giambattista Vico and the Quarrel between the ancients and the moderns," JHI 52 (1991), 55-79

Kant:
Frederick Beiser, The Fate of Reason (1987)
Paul Guyer ed., Cambridge Companion to Kant, introduction and "Kant's Intellectual Development 1746-81"
Daniel Garber, Kant and the early moderns (2008)

Rousseau and Counter-Enlightenment
Judith Shklar, Men and Citizens: Rousseau's social theory (1985)
Misc novels and movies of potential interest (French focus):

novels:
Françoise Chandernagor, *The royal way* (about Louis XIV and Mme de Maintenon)
Nick Dear, *Power* (about court politics)

Movies:
Queen Margot
*The Return of Martin Guerre* (1982)
Ridicule, on 18th ct court
*The Nun*, a cinematic adaptation of Diderot's novel critical of religious institutions in France during the 18th c. It's been adapted for cinema several times, in 1966 and most recently in 2013
Sofía Coppola’s 2006 film *Marie Antoinette*
Farewell my queen/ *Les adieux a la reine*: on Marie-Antoinette blindsided by F rev.
Death of Louis XIV (2016)
*The rise to power of Louis XIV* (Rossellini: about court politics/ritual and intrigue)
Vatel (2000)