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A research seminar that will examine the great conference that ended the First World War. The chief personalities and their political contexts, ambitions and mentalities. How the conference did its work; its procedures, staffs and experts. How events “on the ground” impacted the negotiations. What the conference, the treaties that followed, and the long historiography about them, tell us about the field of diplomatic history and the discipline of International Relations. In consultation with the instructor, students will develop a research/writing project, master relevant published literature, explore available primary sources, participate in weekly discussions and present a completed paper to the class.

Required Readings:

Other readings may be assigned from the reserve and periodical collections at Tisch for each of the weekly sessions. In addition some material may be placed on Trunk. Please note that students must post a draft of their papers on Trunk a week before their presentation in order to facilitate class discussion of their project.

Sep. 10  Introduction

Sep. 17  Europe and Beyond at the Armistice, Nov. 11, 1918 (Goldstein, Ch. 1; Sharp, Ch. 1; Mayer, “Prologue” [Trunk]; Keynes, Chs. I and II).

Sep. 24  War Aims and the major players (Sharp, Chs. 2-6).


Oct. 9  Wilson and the Others (Sharp, Conclusion; Keynes, Ch. III).


Oct. 22  The Treaties: Europe and Beyond (Headlam-Morley, 177-80 [on Trunk]; Goldstein, Chs. 6-9, and docs.; Sharp, Ch. 7; Macmillan, Parts 7 and 8, and Conclusion; Keynes, Chs. IV and V).

Oct. 29  To Locarno and Beyond: the Treaty system in the 1920s

Nov. 5  Versailles and the Discipline of IR (Keynes, Chs. VI and VII).  Research précis and outline due.
Nov. 12  University Holiday

Nov. 19  No Class

Nov. 26  Presentations

Dec.  3  Presentations

Dec. 10  Presentations

Dec. 17  Final draft of Seminar Paper due.