

Stockholm University, Department of History

Course plan

## **Masculinities in Politics and War: Western Europe, ca 1750–1950**

Advanced level, Spring 2020

Course code: HI8076

Credits: 7,5 ECTS

### **Previous academic studies required:**

Bachelor degree in the humanities or social sciences, including a thesis equivalent to 15 ECTS. English language skills at level 6.

### **Course contents:**

This course examines how shifting notions of masculinity interacted with major political and military developments in Western Europe, from the mid-eighteenth to the mid-twentieth century. Central topics include the evolution of male citizenship, universal military conscription, gendered constructions of nationalism and men's experiences of modern warfare, as well as the impact of new forms of political masculinities on processes of democratization and the emergence of modern welfare states. The course provides an overview of the emergence of this field of historical research during the past 20 years. The students also acquire theoretical tools that can be generally applied for analyzing political and military history from a gender perspective with a focus on men and masculinities.

### **Intended learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, the student should be able to

- demonstrate good knowledge of the transformations of male citizenship in Western Europe, circa 1750–1950, with an emphasis on nationalism, suffrage, conscription and warfare
- compare and analyse constructions of political masculinity in different countries and time periods
- account for central topics in historical research on the interactions between masculinity and political as well as military developments
- discuss, evaluate and apply central theories and concepts within historical research on masculinities, especially within the realm of politics and war

### **Coursework**

The coursework consists in seminars, literature studies as well as oral and written assignments. A detailed course description will be available one month before the course commences.

## Readings

**NB!** Most readings are available as e-books or e-articles to logged-in users at Stockholm University Library. Two books are recommended for purchase because they are central to the coursework and not available as e-books: Dudink, Hagemann & Tosh 2004 (price ca 350 SEK) and Mosse 1990 (price ca 200 SEK).

Bederman, Gail. *Manliness & civilization : a cultural history of gender and race in the United States, 1880-1917*, 1995, 1–44.

<https://www-fulcrum-org.ezp.sub.su.se/concern/monographs/tm70mv34w>. 44pp

Biess, Frank. "Men of reconstruction - the reconstruction of men". In *Home/Front. The Military, War and Gender in Twentieth-Century Germany*, eds. Karen Hagemann and Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, 335–358. Oxford & New York: Berg, 2002. 23pp

Dudink, Stefan. "Multipurpose Masculinities: Gender and Power in Low Countries Histories of Masculinity". *BMGN - Low Countries Historical Review* 127, nr 1 (19 March 2012): 5–18. <https://doi.org/10.18352/bmgn-lchr.1562>. 13pp

Dudink, Stefan, Karen Hagemann, and John Tosh (eds.). *Masculinities in politics and war : gendering modern history*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2004. 325s. RECOMMENDED PURCHASE, PRICE CA 350 SEK.

Kienitz, Sabine. "Body Damage: War Disability and Constructions of Masculinity in Weimar Germany". In *Home/Front: The Military, War, and Gender in Twentieth-Century Germany*, eds. Karen Hagemann and Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, 181–204. Oxford & New York: Berg, 2002. 23pp

Kühne, Thomas. *The rise and fall of comradeship : Hitler's soldiers, male bonding and mass violence in the twentieth century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017, 1–212. <https://libris.kb.se/bib/20834107>. 212pp.

Moss, Mark. *Manliness and Militarism: Educating Young Boys in Ontario for War*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2001. <https://libris.kb.se/bib/19358444> <https://libris.kb.se/bib/19358444>. 216pp

Mosse, George L. *Fallen soldiers : reshaping the memory of the World Wars*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1990. 264pp. RECOMMENDED PURCHASE, PRICE CA 200 SEK.

Nagel, Joane. "Masculinity and nationalism: gender and sexuality in the making of nations". *Ethnic & Racial Studies* 21, nr 2 (March 1998): 242–69. 27pp

Reeser, Todd W. *Masculinities in Theory: An Introduction*. Chicester, UNITED KINGDOM: John Wiley & Sons, Incorporated, 2010. Pp 1–54, 171–199.  
<http://libris.kb.se/bib/12071840>. 82pp

Rose, Sonya O. "Fit to fight but not to vote? Masculinity and citizenship in Britain, 1832–1918". In: *Representing Masculinity: Male Citizenship in Modern Western Culture*, eds. Stefan Dudink, Karen Hagemann, and Anna Clark, 131–150. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. 19pp

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