COURSE SYLLABUS

Title: History of French Politics, Third, Fourth and Fifth Republics

Professor: Françoise Taliano-des Garets

Credits: 4

Language of instruction: English

Course objectives: Develop knowledge on French political history since 1870 to our days

Course description:

Exploring French political history since 1870, this course presents the history of the French republican system during the Third, Fourth and Fifth Republics. It explains how this political regime gradually stabilized and became synonymous with democracy. The different lectures focus on the successive constitutions and their application, while also enabling students to discover the main political figures of the period -- the presidents and the political leaders for instance-- and to understand the great moments of crises as well as of progress. The course also focuses on France during the two World wars and the colonial crisis, underlining the effects of these events on the different governments,

Bibliography: Third Republic: 1871–1940

- Price, Roger. A Social History of Nineteenth-Century France (1987) 403pp. 403 pgs. complete text online at Questia
- Robb, Graham. The Discovery of France: A Historical Geography, from the Revolution to the First World War (2007)
- Zeldin, Theodore. France, 1848–1945 (2 vol. 1979), topical approach

World War I
• Greenhalgh, Elizabeth. *Victory through Coalition: Britain and France during the First World War* (Cambridge University Press, 2005) 304pp

**Vichy (1940–44)**

• Gildea, Robert. *Marianne in Chains: Daily Life in the Heart of France During the German Occupation* (2004) [excerpt and text search](http://example.com)
• Jackson, Julian. *France: The Dark Years, 1940–1944* (2003) [excerpt and text search](http://example.com)
• Kersaudy, Francois. *Churchill and De Gaulle* (2nd ed 1990 482pp)
• Paxton, Robert O. *Vichy France* 2nd ed. (2001) [excerpt and text search](http://example.com)

**Fourth and Fifth Republics (1944 to present)**

• Williams, Charles. *The Last Great Frenchman: A Life of General De Gaulle* (1997) [excerpt and text search](http://example.com)
• Williams, Philip M. and Martin Harrison. *De Gaulle's Republic* (1965) [online edition](http://example.com)

**Evaluation: Two questions from the course**

**Available on moodle:** no