Readings in Early Modern European History  
Fall 2016  
Thursday 9:50-12:50  

1. Sep. 8: Introduction  

2. Sep. 15: Post-War Paradigms I: The Annales School and the General Crisis Debate  


--Natalie Zemon Davis, *Society and Culture in Early Modern France* (Stanford, 1975) [RES. SOC DC33.D33], chs. 1, 3, 4-6 (“Strikes and Salvation”; “City Women and Religious Change”; “The Reasons of Misrule”; “Women on Top”; “The Rites of Violence”  
--*The Return of Martin Guerre* (Cambridge, MA, 1983) [RES]  
--*Fiction in the Archives: Pardon Tales and the Tellers in Sixteenth-Century France* (Stanford, 1987) [RES]  


4. Sep. 29: Protestant Reformation and the Problem of the “Popular”  

5. Oct 6: Witchcraft and Witch-Hunting


--Benjamin J. Kaplan, *Divided By Faith: Religious Conflict and the Practice of Toleration in Early Modern Europe* (Cambridge, MA, 2007) [available in the Rutgers Digital Library]

7. Oct. 20: Social History, Demography and Community: Two English Microhistories


8. Oct. 27: Rethinking Early Modern Politics I: Media and Politics

--Noah Millstone, *Manuscript Circulation and the Invention of Politics in Early Stuart England* (Cambridge, 2016) [RES]

9. Nov. 3: Rethinking Early Modern Politics II: Louis XIV

--Norbert Elias, *The Court Society* (New York, 1983), ch.5 [RES].
--Peter Burke, *The Fabrication of Louis XIV* (New Haven and London, 1992) [RES]
--Jacob Soll, *The Information Master: Jean-Baptiste Colbert’s Secret State Intelligence System* (Ann Arbor, 2009) [RES].
10. Nov. 10: Connected Histories? Europe and the Ottoman World

-- Natalie Rothman, *Brokering Empire: Trans-Imperial Subjects Between Venice and Istanbul* (Ithaca, 2012) [RES]

11. Nov. 17: Old Worlds, New Worlds


12. TUESDAY NOV. 22 New Approaches to Scientific Revolution

-- Steven Shapin, *Never Pure: Historical Studies of Science…* (Baltimore, 2010), chs.5-8, 11 [RES]
-- Mario Biagioli, *Galileo’s Instruments of Credit: Telescopes, Images, Secrecy* (Chicago, 2007) [RES]

13. Dec. 1: Histories of Sexuality and Gender

-- Thomas Laqueur, *Solitary Sex: A Cultural History of Masturbation* (New York, 2003) chs.4-5 [RES]

14. Dec. 8: States, Globalization and Consumption


15. Dec. 15: Two Longitudinal Early Modern Histories: Executions and Suicides

-- Michael MacDonald and Terence R. Murphy, *Sleepless Souls: Suicide in Early Modern England* (Oxford, 1990) [RES]
Final Assignment: A review essay focused on a choice of:

(i) Keith Thomas, *Religion and the Decline of Magic*
(ii) Simon Schama, *The Embarrassment of Riches*
(iii) Geoffrey Parker, *Global Crisis: War, Climate Change and Catastrophe in the Seventeenth Century*