
Unpacking German History

OSHER 934-001**Dates:** September 14, 21, 28 and October 5, 12, 14**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**Location:** Online via Zoom**Instructor:** Christoph Dressler Christoph.dressler@utah.edu**Course Description:**

German history is interwoven with Europe's fate and history. This class will explore a number of hidden connections between the two. Utilizing multimedia, maps, pictures and artwork, and focusing on important historical figures, this course will take you from Julius Caesar's accounts of the Germans to the challenges of the European Union today. Students should expect revelatory information regarding larger events, such as the marriage of the Catholic Church and the Holy Roman Empire, the Reformation, the French Revolution, and the Industrial Revolution.

Course Objectives:

- A century-spanning overview of German history packed into digestible lectures of chronological order
- We meet the Germans starting in the early “Dark Ages”, soon after the fall of the Roman Empire and the emergence of a massive migration period and follow the unique path through history all the way to today’s European Union
- The presentation and tools used will focus on key dates and figures, but supported by images and stories strives to be as informative as fun and mind-opening viewing Germany’s history in an entertaining way of a complex issue
- To equip participants with a few tools to further access any parts of German history on their own, to convey a sense of Germany’s place in Europe’s amazing history, and to highlight how Germany shaped the continent and vice versa