This course examines different explanations for patterns of state-building and nation-building in modern Europe. We will examine the politics of Germany and Austria, but will also explore some major theoretical issues in the development of modern democratic nation-states in Europe. Each part of the course begins with a brief overview of the contemporary political system. We then examine the historical development of each nation-state. And finally we will turn to some major issues raised by the political history of each country—contending explanations for democratization in the case of Germany, unique forms of democracy in deeply divided society (consociationalism and corporatism) in the case of Austria, and the development of nationalism and nationalist extremism in the case of Austria.

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE
   (Berlin—Monday, July 4)

II. GERMANY AND THE DEMOCRACY QUESTION
   A. The German Political System Today
      (Berlin—Wednesday, July 6 and Friday July 8)
   B. Development of the German State and the Failure of Weimar Democracy
      (Berlin—Tuesday July 12)
   C. Contending Explanations: Why Democracy Developed Late, Initially Failed, and Finally Succeeded
      (Berlin—Thursday, July 14 and Vienna—Thursday, July 21)

III. AUSTRIA, CONSOCIATIONAL DEMOCRACY, AND THE NATIONAL QUESTION
   A. The Austrian Political System Today
      (Vienna—Monday July 25)
   B. The Crises of Nationalist Politics in Middle Europe
      (Vienna—Wednesday, July 27)

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Reading Assignments. Each day you should read a newspaper in order to keep abreast of major developments in European, German, and Austrian politics.

Grades. Your course grade will be based entirely on the final examination on Friday, July 29 in Vienna.