

HIST 121E: European Empires
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The Colonial Empires of Spain, Portugal, Britain and France have long been in the focus of historical research and teaching in the US. In contrast, the empires within Europe have been largely ignored. This course will concentrate on the Holy Roman Empire, the Swedish Empire, the Polish-Lithuanian Empire, and the Russian Empire, which collectively dominated European history both in the Early Modern Period and in modern times. We will focus specifically on the political cultures of these Empires and their impact on European cultures.

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