## Twentieth-Century Europe: Major Field Bibliography

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Rationale: The works included on my book list address both geographical and chronological breadth in twentieth-century European history. I have selected the "short 20<sup>th</sup> century" by pinpointing World War I as the beginning of the century, but I have extended the chronological scope to address issues of concern in contemporary European society. I include the Soviet Union as part of Europe, particularly due to its relevance throughout Europe in the post-WWII period. Although my book selections address a variety of approaches to history, I have emphasized social history and the "everyday lives" of Europeans, especially women. This social approach highlights the tensions and developments in twentieth-century European history and demonstrates the application of political and economic policy in the lives of Europeans. I have also placed greater weight on interwar and post-WWII histories, comparing and contrasting these two time periods while focusing on the pivotal role of peacetime rather than that of war. Likewise, the books in my exam list underscore the consistent issues of ethnic diversity and tension, social unrest, cultural transformations, and relationships among European states and with the world during this century.

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