COURSE DESCRIPTION

This unique travel/study-field seminar features a wide-ranging exploration of the Dolomites, recently designated as World Heritage Site by the UNESCO for the distinctive variety of their morphology, geology and landscape. These spectacular and monumental mountains retain traces of extraordinary interest for disciplines such as Geology, Paleogeography, Geomorphology and Paleontology. As the theater of some of the most extreme battles of WWI, they preserve a vivid and painful memory of the Great War that changed forever world history and altered the borders of many countries including Italy and Austria. The seminar will start in Eugene with a pre-departure introduction to the field seminar: 4 classes of 2 hours each during May 2019.

During the 2-week journey, we will experience the best of the Dolomites, practice conscious excursions, and an experiential environmental and historical education. We will explore the astonishing natural history and geological wonders of the Dolomites, and the traces of human history in these sublime mountains. Hiking in geological and botanical trails and through tunnels created during WWI, we will become aware of the magnificent natural landscape, becoming appreciative of the contrast the gentle curves of flowery meadows with the extraordinarily varied sculptural shapes of bare, pale-colored towering peaks. The last two days of the seminar will take place at the University of Bolzano where historians and scholars will offer lectures explicitly targeted for our seminar. Students can choose to focus on one of the following 2 areas of study utilizing different critical and disciplinary approaches: 1) Landscape, History and Literature; 2) Geology, Ecology and Photography.

GEO Website: https://geo.uoregon.edu/programs/italy/exploring-the-dolomites-landscape-history-ecology-and-literature-in-northern-italy

Requirements for all students- Homework Policy

Mandatory pre-departure Introduction to the Field seminar in May 2019 (4 classes 2 hours each)
Conscious and respectful participation to the various activities: 30%

1 Reading Report to be decided with the teacher (4 pages): 20%

Daily reflective Journal: 25%

Final Project: 25% Students may choose two of the following: 1) an extension of the journal; 2) a commented photo blog; 3) a Story Map Digital Project; 4) one 8 pages paper to be discussed with the instructor.

The assignments are due two weeks after the end of the seminar on September 27. This will allow students to organize and complete the notes and the drafts developed during the itinerant seminar.

Extra-requirements for students of RL 407

1 extra-reading-report of 4 pages
1 extra final project

Required texts for all students

Most of the didactic experiences, except for the days in Bolzano, will be based on the open air museums that we will visit daily. Moreover, I require for all the students the following readings:


- Luis Trenker, *Berge in Flammen* (Mountains on Fire) a classic 1931 movie on WWI in the Dolomites.


**Required Extra-readings for students of RL 407**


**Credits**

6 credits of RL electives for students doing their readings and papers in English

6 credits of Italian, French or Spanish for students doing their readings and papers in the target language.

**Course Materials**

All the texts will be available in digital format.

Students needs to have a laptop (or tablet) and a camera (or smartphone with a good camera resolution) to do the assignments during the program.

**Instructor**

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EXPLORING THE DOLOMITES - SUMMER 2019 SCHEDULE

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| Sept 4 Malga Ciapela | **Museum WWI Punta Rocca e Serauta**// | -Reflective Journal  
-Read: Clark, *The Sleepwalkers: How Europe Went to War in 1914* (part 1) | Hotel Malga Ciapela* | Museum Cafeteria Hotel Malga Ciapela | Bus from Predazzo to Malga Ciapela 2h and 20m |
| Sept 5 Malga Ciapela | Val Ombretta Rifugio Failer | Reflective Journal  
-Read: Romain Rolland, *Libri* | Hotel Maga Ciapela* | Rifugio Failer Hotel Malga Ciapela | |
| Sept 6 Cortina | -Paleontological Museum Rinaldo Zardini;  
-Ethnographic Museum Regole d’Ampezzo | Reflective Journal  
Read: Nomination of the Dolomites for inscription on the World Natural Heritage List Unesco | Hotel Montana Cortina | Bus Station | Bus from Malga Ciapela to Cortina |
| Sept 7 Cortina D’Ampezzo | Rifugio Dibona Tofana di Rozes | Reflective Journal  
-Read: Clark, *The Sleepwalkers: How Europe Went to War in 1914* | Rifugio Dibona | Rifugio Dibona | Bus from Cortina to Rifugio Dibona |
| Sept 8 Rifugio 5 Torri | Open air Museum WWI | Reflective Journal  
Read: E. Lussu, *A Soldier on the Southern Front: The Classic Italian Memoir of World War I* (part 1). | Rifugio 5 Torri | Rifugio 5 Torri | Bus from Rifugio Dibona to Rifugio 5 Torri |
| Sept 9 Passo Valparola | -Museo Forte Tre Sassi al passo Valparola  
| Sept 10 Passo Falzarego | Passo Falzarego Gallerie del Lagazuoi | Reflective Journal | Rifugio Lagazuoi | Rifugio Lagazuoi | Walking Cableway |
| Sept 11 Bressanone | Seminar University of Bolzano | Seminar UBolzano | Youth Hostel | Bressanone | Bus from Passo Falzarego to Bressanone |
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