

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Fall Semester 2021  
HIST 5354 – Seventeenth Century Europe  
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**Course Overview and Objectives:**

In our readings and discussions, we will be examining the Seventeenth Century as an age of crisis, in both European and global contexts. We will look at this age of crisis from a number of different perspectives: environmental and climatological, political, social and cultural.

**Course Requirements and Grading Policy:**

Your grade will be based mainly on written reviews of the books we are reading. Each paper is worth 10% of your total grade (six reviews totaling 60%), a comprehensive essay will be worth 30% and finally 10% for attendance and participation. Papers should be roughly 4-6 pages in length and should address the book's thesis and how well it proves its case. The comprehensive essay will be a retrospective comparison of all seven books. Late papers will not be accepted unless there is official documentation of a family or medical emergency.

**Final Withdrawal Date:** TBA

**Required Books:**

Philipp Blom, *Nature's Mutiny*

Geoffrey Parker, *Global Crisis* (unabridged edition)

Sam White, *A Cold Welcome* J.H. Elliott, *Richelieu and Olivares* Dagomar Degroot, *The Frigid Golden Age*

Timothy Brook, *Vermeer's Hat*

### **Calendar of Meetings and Assignments:**

Aug. 26	Introduction
Sept. 2	Discussion of Blom, <i>Nature's Mutiny</i> . First book review due.
Sept. 9	Discussion of Parker, pages xviii-210
Sept. 16	Discussion of Parker, pages 211--395
Sept. 23	Discussion of Parker, pages 397-697. Second book review due.
Sept. 30	No meeting.
Oct. 7	No meeting.
Oct. 14	Discussion of Elliott. Third book review due.
Oct. 21	Discussion of White. Fourth book review due.
Oct. 28	No meeting.
Nov. 4	No meeting.
Nov. 11	Discussion of Degroot, pages 1-149.
Nov. 18	Discussion of Degroot, pages 152-309. Fifth Book review due.
Nov. 25	No meeting – Thanksgiving Holiday.
Dec. 2	Discussion of Brook. Sixth Book review due.
Dec. 9	Comprehensive Essay Due; No meeting; email paper as pdf.

### **Additional University Policies**

<https://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/files/syllabuspolicy.pdf>

### **Additional Syllabus Information**

#### **Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories**

Students are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, and follow social distancing guidelines, at all times in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories), as specified by [Procedures for Fall 2020 Return to Normal Operations](#). The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its [Honor Code](#) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email [saroffice@uttyler.edu](mailto:saroffice@uttyler.edu).

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