

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Fall Semester 2023  
HIST 5352 - Renaissance Europe  
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### **Course Overview and Objectives:**

In our readings and discussions, we will be examining the rise of Spain as the first superpower and global empire of the early modern era. We will begin with the dynastic unification of Castile and Aragon under Isabella and Ferdinand. We will then explore the formation of the Habsburg hegemony over Europe under their grandson, the Emperor-King Charles V. We will complete our survey by examining Spanish conquests and colonization in the Americas, with particular reference to Mexico, Cuba and Peru.

### **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:** Monday, Oct. 30

### **Required Books:**

J.H. Elliott, *Imperial Spain: 1469-1716*

Geoffrey Parker, *Emperor: A New Life of Charles V*

Fernando Cervantes, *Conquistadores: A New History of Spanish Discovery and Conquest*

Charles Hudson, *Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun*

Alejandro de la Fuente, *Havana and the Atlantic in the Sixteenth Century*

Kris Lane, *Potosi: The Silver City that Changed the World*

Michael Pye, *Europe's Babylon: The Rise and Fall of Antwerp's Golden Age*

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

Aug. 24	Introduction
Aug. 31	Discussion of Elliott, pages 13-211
Sept. 7	Discussion of Parker, pages, ix-247
Sept. 14	Discussion of Parker, pages 248-546. First book review due.
Sept. 21	Discussion of articles on Cortes and the Conquest of Mexico
Sept. 28	Discussion of Cervantes. Second book review due.
Oct. 5	Discussion of articles on Seventeenth Century Mexico
Oct. 12	Discussion of Hudson, pages xv-249
Oct. 19	Discussion of Hudson, 250-481. Third book review due.
Oct. 26	No Meeting.
Nov. 3	Discussion of De la Fuente. Fourth book review due.
Nov. 10	Discussion of Lane. Fifth book review due.
Nov. 17	Discussion of articles on Spain and the Mediterranean
Nov. 24	No meeting – Thanksgiving.
Nov. 30	Discussion of Pye. Sixth book review due.
Dec. 7	Comprehensive Essay Due. No meeting, email as pdf.

### **Additional University Policies**

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