**Experiencing Modernism: Utopia, Politics, and Times of Turmoil**

MA in the History of Art

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**Summer Reading**

(Read in English or German)

**Required:**

Walter Benjamin, *Berlin Childhood Around 1900*, translated by Howard Eiland (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006). For German readers: any edition is fine.

Irmgard Keun, *The Artificial Silk Girl*, translated by Katharina von Ankum (New York: Other Press, any edition). For German readers: any edition is fine.

Christopher Isherwood, *Goodbye To Berlin* (New York: New Directions, 2012).

Note: any version, any edition is fine.

Robin Schuldenfrei, *Luxury and Modernism: Architecture and the Object in Germany 1900-1933* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2018). Do try to acquire used.

**Not required: subset of more general books for the course, with an emphasis on visual materials**

(Not required but you may want to read some of these books. They are of particular use to students who have not previously focussed on the course’s period or material.)

Timothy O. Benson, *Expressionist utopias: paradise, metropolis, architectural fantasy*. Berkeley  University of California Press; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 2001.

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Reyner Banham, *Theory and design in the first machine age*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1960. Other editions also available.

Stephanie Barron and Sabine Eckmann, eds. *New Objectivity: Modern German Art in the Weimar Republic 1919-1933*, Munich: Prestel, 2015.

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Walter Benjamin, *Berliner Kindheit um Neunzehnhundert* (c. 1932), Frankfurt am Main 1950.

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Barry Bergdoll and Leah Dickerman, Eds. *Bauhaus 1919-1933 : workshops for modernity*, New York: The Museum of Modern Art, 2009.

Tilmann Buddensieg, Ed. *Berlin, 1900-1933: architecture and design / Berlin 1900-1933: Architektur und Design*, New York : Cooper-Hewitt Museum, Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Design, 1987. English and German editions available.

Tilmann Buddensieg, *Industriekultur: Peter Behrens and the AEG, 1907-1914*, translated by Iain Boyd Whyte. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1984.

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Peter Gay, *Weimar Culture* (New York: Harper and Row, 1968), especially “A Short Political History of the Weimar Republic,” pp. 147-164. Other editions also available.

Gerd Gemünden and Johannes von Moltke, Eds., *Culture in the Anteroom: The Legacies of Siegfried Kracauer*. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2012.

Peter E. Gordon and John P. McCormick, eds. *Weimar Thought: A Contested Legacy* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013)

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Eleanor M. Hight, *Picturing modernism: Moholy-Nagy and photography in Weimar Germany,* Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1995.

Ludwig Hilberseimer, *Metropolisarchitecture and selected essays*, ed. Richard Anderson, New York: GSAPP Books, 2012.

Gordon Hughes and Philipp Blom, eds., *Nothing but the Clouds Unchanged: Artists in World War I*, Los Angeles: Getty Research Institute, 2014.

Noah Isenberg, Ed., *Weimar Cinema: An Essential Guide to Classic Films of the Era*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2009.

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**On-line dictionary**

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