THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

HTST 329 – EIGHTEENTH CENTURY EUROPE, 1715-1815: AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT AND REVOLUTION Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:00-3:20 P.M. WINTER SESSION 2014 TAUGHT BY: DR. JEFF SUDERMAN



We are familiar with the images of violence and social upheaval associated with the French Revolution. We know that it ignited a generation of continental war and helped Napoleon rise to power. But how did such a violent revolution come out of an age of Enlightenment, which seemed to advocate peace, order and rationality? Was Napoleon himself an enlightened despot? This course will explore these questions in detail and ask whether the eighteenth century was really the beginning of modern culture.

NOTE: This course is usually offered only once every two or three years, so this is the session to take it.