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THE 1930S AND NOW
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Are we living again through the 1930s? The rise of populist movements across the world, the retreat from international institutions, the ascent of authoritarianism, financial crisis, attacks on minority populations: if you’re curious about the comparisons often made these days between the 1930s and now, this research seminar will offer a structured opportunity to delve into a tumultuous period through focused study of a topic of your own devising.

AREA OF CONCENTRATION: Americas, Europe, Global

TEACHING METHOD: Research seminar

EVALUATION METHOD: Research paper and participation in course discussions

GRADING BASIS: ANC

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: Raised in Louisville, Kentucky, Deborah Cohen lived on the East and West coasts before returning in 2010 to the land of muscular modernism and the early dinner hour. She’s written three books: the first about the disabled veterans of the first world war in Britain and Germany, the second about the British love affair with their Houses, and the most recent one about family secrets (British, not her own). She is a regular contributor to The Atlantic, where she’s written about photography, political marriage, fashion, and punk rock. More at www.deborahcohen.com.