The lecture course deals with Europe in the 20th century and focuses on Hitler and Stalin by studying their biographies, political struggles, and above all their ideologies. The course begins with an examination of the origins of modern ideologies, including liberalism, conservatism, and socialism. It then examines in detail the two main challengers of liberal democracy on the ideological front: Marxism-Leninism-Stalinism and German National Socialism. We pay special attention to the impact of the First World War, the Russian Revolution and spread of Communism, as well as struggles against Bolshevism that culminated in the Second World War and the Cold War.