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THOSE SIZZICKS
 Presenter: Nick Di Napoli
 Mondays, May 2, 9, & 16
 1:30-4:30pm
 Valle Verde Theater

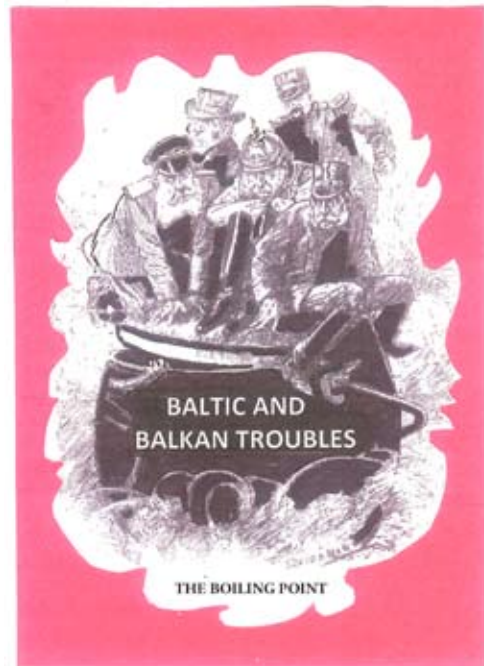
It can be argued that President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen-Point Plan for Peace in Europe, as implemented by the League of Nations, was the root cause of World War II.

In these three sessions we will look at the twelve Eastern European Countries (four per session) that emerged from the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 and follow them to the point when they virtually ceased to exist between 1938 and 1941. These are the Sizzick countries, a British slang term of the period for these millions of people with unpronounceable names from unpronounceable places. In the first session we will look at the new northern countries of Poland: Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. In the second session we will deal with Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Romania. Finally, we will address Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, and tiny Albania.

There is no specific reading list for the sessions, but I would recommend reading any of the spy novels of this 20-year period by Alan Furst, whose titles include *The Spies of Warsaw*, *Dark Star*, *Kingdom of Shadows*, and *The Foreign Correspondent*. They are historically

accurate and provide the sense of these countries in terms of their allies and enemies. They are available from Amazon, Chaucer's, or Borders.

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To a great degree these new countries were at war with their neighbors from their very creation over borders, ethnic divisions and trade, but the serious and deadly divisions in each country were between the emerging ideas of fascism coupled with the old ideas of monarchy and the church fighting the spread of Russian Communist Revolution.

We won't spend too much time discussing the internal politics of Germany, France, England or Russia, but we will look at the way they interacted with all the Sizzick countries. It will soon become obvious that Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia would quickly become the masters of all the Sizzick peoples.

The period is complete with self-styled dictators, vicious Communists, playboy kings, manipulative women, powerful regents, political priests, and gypsies, so it should be fun!

BIOGRAPHY

Nick DiNapoli is a recently retired member of the School of Engineering at the University of California Santa Barbara. Besides his field of creativity in engineering design, Nick has a great interest in history, particularly the period between the World Wars.

VISTAS Spring 2011 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Club	Thursday, Mar 24	2:00PM	Maravilla Theater
Meitner/Oppenheimer	Tuesday, Mar 29	9:30-3:00pm	Maravilla Clubhouse
Lewis Carroll	Monday, April 11, 18	9:30-12Noon	Goleta Library
Rivers of the World	Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18	1:30-4:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thursday, May 26	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Panama Canal	Tuesday, June 14, 21, 28	1:30-4:30pm	Valle Verde Theater



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