

History of International Relations and the Cold War

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Tuesdays 10-12

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Course Description: This course is an overview of the history of International affairs after the Second World War. As such it includes the history of international relations during the Cold War and after the collapse of communism till the present time. The course is comprised of lectures on concepts and case studies, and accompanying seminars for interactive discussions of the material outlined in the lectures. The course main focus is on four general themes:¹ 1) The breakdown of the Grand Alliance and the origins of the Cold War 2) The dynamics of the Cold War and its international covert operations and propaganda 3) The Cold War theatres in different regions of the World 4) The end of the Cold War and rise of China 5) Conflict and security in the post-9/11 world

We will have a midterm at the end of each module. These three exams are in addition to a final exam administered at the end of the course.

Seminars are scheduled to help students to develop their practical skills via working with theoretical examples, writing exercises involving case studies, and in-class discussions with the instructor.

Evaluation: The grade for this course is based on a final exam 50%, three midterms each 10%, for a total of 30%, and quizzes, presence and participation in seminars and class 20%. Optional bonus points are given for writing a paper on a “case study” using the conceptual themes taught in class.

Readings: Selected chapters from textbooks, and relevant papers are assigned each week. Students are expected to have read the material before attending the lecture. In case required readings are not available online or are not in the required texts, a scanned version will be

¹The structure of the course closely follows the outline of the syllabus and study guide for the course *World history since 1945* by J. Kent Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (2012). The weekly readings assigned in the course are also designed to match those of the aforementioned course.

provided on the course's website.

Required Textbooks: The following textbooks can be consulted for further learning. Additional readings are assigned per week.

- (YK) Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: A global history*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013) second edition.
- (WO) Westad, O.A. *The global Cold War: third world interventions and the making of our times*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011).

Office Hours: Instructor: Fridays 2:30 to 4:00 PM and by appointment, Teaching Assistant: TBD

Outline and Schedule

- **Lecture 1: Onset of World War II**

- Required Reading

- * Introduction to the course, UoL Study Guide

- **Lecture 2: World War II and the Beginning of a New World Order**

- Required Reading

- * Select chapters in Bosworth, R. and Maiolo, J. *The Cambridge History of the Second World War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015)

- **Lecture 3: Breakdown of Grand Alliance 1943-46**

- Required Reading

- * Leffler, M.P. “The emergence of an American grand strategy, 1945–1952” in Leffler, M.P. and O.A. Westad (eds) *The Cambridge history of the Cold War* Vol 1. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010)
- * Pechtanov, V.O. “The Soviet Union and the world 1944–53” in Leffler, M.P. and O.A. Westad (eds) *The Cambridge history of the Cold War* Vol 1. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010)

- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) Chapters 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D.

– Recommended Reading

- * Harbutt, F.J. *Yalta 1945: Europe and America at the crossroads*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010)
- * Leffler, M.P. and D.S. Painter (eds) *Origins of the Cold War*. (New York: Routledge, 2005), Introduction.
- * Mark, E. ‘American policy towards Eastern Europe 1941–1946 and the origins of the Cold War’, *Journal of American History* 68(2) 1981, pp.313-36.
- * Reynolds, D. *From world war to Cold War: Churchill, Roosevelt and the international history of the 1940s*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007) Chapters 13-15.

• **Lecture 4: Marshal Plan and Communism in Eastern Europe and Around the Globe, 1948-53**

– Required Reading

- * Leffler, M.P. ‘The emergence of an American grand strategy, 1945–1952’ in Leffler, M.P. and O.A. Westad (eds) *The Cambridge history of the Cold War Vol 1*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010)
- * Pechtakov, V.O. ‘The Soviet Union and the world 1944–53’ in Leffler, M.P. and O.A. Westad (eds) *The Cambridge history of the Cold War Vol 1*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010)
- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) [ISBN 9780198781646] Chapters 1E, 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D.

– Recommended Reading

- * Cox, M. and C. Kennedy-Pipe ‘The tragedy of American diplomacy? Rethinking the Marshall Plan’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 7(1) 2005
- * Eisenberg, C. *Drawing the line: the American decision to divide Germany 1944–1949* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998)
- * Hogan, M.J. *The Marshall plan* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1989)

• **Lecture 5: The Onset of the Cold War: from Containment to Rollback, 1948–53**

– Required Reading

- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) Chapters 4A, 4B, 4D, 5B, 5C and 7A

– Recommended Reading

- * Corke ,S. ‘Bridging the gap: containment, covert action and the search for the missing link in American Cold War policy, 1948–1953’, *Journal of Strategic Studies* 20(4) 1997
- * Logevall, F. ‘A critique of containment’, *Diplomatic History* 28(4) 2004.
- * Lucas, S. and K. Mistry ‘Illusions of coherence: George F. Kennan, US strategy and political warfare in the early Cold War, 1946–1950’, *Diplomatic History* 33(1) 2009.

• **Lecture 6: Intelligence and Propaganda Operations**

– Required Reading

- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) Chapter 7A.

– Recommended Reading

- * Aid, M.M. *The secret sentry: the untold history of the National Security Agency* (New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2010) [ISBN 9781608190966].
- * Andrew, C.M. and V. Mitrokhin *The Mitrokhin archive: the KGB in Europe and the West* (London: Allen Lane, 1999)
- * Osgood, K.A. *Total Cold War: Eisenhower’s secret propaganda battle at home and abroad* (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2008)
- * Osgood, K.A. ‘Form before substance: Eisenhower’s commitment to psychological warfare and negotiations with the enemy’, *Diplomatic History* 24(3) 2000.
- * Weiner, T. *Legacy of ashes: the history of the CIA* (New York: Doubleday, 2007)
- * Special issue of Intelligence and National Security ‘Secrets of signal intelligence during the Cold War and beyond’, Vol 16 No 1 (2001).

• **Lecture 7: Cold War and Nuclear Arms Race**

- Required Reading
 - * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) Chapter 5C, 12B and 15A.
- Recommended Reading
 - * Freedman, L. *The evolution of nuclear strategy* (London: Macmillan, 1981)
 - * Kaplan, F. *The wizards of Armageddon* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1983)
 - * Newhouse, J. *The nuclear age* (London: Michael Joseph, 1989)

• Lecture 8: Sino-Soviet Split

- Required Reading
 - * Luthi, L.M. *The Sino–Soviet split: Cold War in the communist world* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2008)
- Recommended Reading
 - * Chang, G. *Friends and enemies: the United States, China and the Soviet Union, 1948–1972* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1990)
 - * Ellison, H. (ed.) *The Sino–Soviet conflict: a global perspective* (Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 1982)
 - * Nelsen, H.W. *Power and insecurity: Beijing, Moscow and Washington, 1949–1988* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1989)
 - * Quedsted, R. *Sino–Russian relations: a short history* (London: Allen & Unwin, 1984)
 - * Zubok, V. and C. Pleshakov *Inside the Kremlin's Cold War: from Stalin to Khrushchev* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1996)

• Lecture 9: Détente between the U.S. and the USSR 1969-79

- Required Reading
 - * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) Chapters 12A, 12B, 13D, 14A, 14D and 14E.
- Recommended Reading
 - * Bowker, M. and P. Williams *Superpower détente: a reappraisal* (London: Sage, 1988)

- * Gelman, H. *The Brezhnev Politburo and the decline of détente* (New York: Cornell University Press, 1984)
- * Hanhimaki, J.M. 'Conservative goals, revolutionary outcomes: the paradox of détente', *Cold War History* 8(4) 2008.
- * Litwak, R.S. *Détente and the Nixon doctrine* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986)
- * Loth, W. *Overcoming the Cold War: a history of détente 1950–1991* (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 2001)
- * Paterson, T.G. *On every front: the making and unmaking of the Cold War* (London: W.W. Norton, 1994)
- * Schwartz, T.A. 'Legacies of détente: a three-way discussion', *Cold War History* 8(4) 2008.
- * Stevenson, R.W. *The rise and fall of détente: relaxations of tension in US–Soviet relations, 1953–84* (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1985)
- * Suri, J. *Henry Kissinger and the American century* (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 2007)
- * Suri, J. 'Détente and human rights: American and West European perspectives on international change', *Cold War History* 8(4) 2008.
- * Zubok, V. 'The Soviet Union and détente of the 1970s', *Cold War History* 8(4) 2008.

• Lecture 10: The Cold War in Asia: Korea

– Required Reading

- * Young, J.W and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: A global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) [ISBN 9780198781646] Chapter 4E.

– Recommended Reading

- * Goncharov, S., J.W. Lewis and X. Litai *Uncertain partners: Stalin, Mao and the Korean War* (Stanford CA: Stanford University Press, 1995)
- * Stueck, W. *The Korean War: an international history* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995)
- * Stueck, W. *Rethinking the Korean War* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004)
- * Zhihua, S. 'Sino–Soviet relations and the origins of the Korean War: Stalin's strategic goals in the Far East', *Journal of Cold War Studies* 2(2) 2000.

• Lecture 11: The Cold War in Asia: Vietnam

– Required Reading

- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) Chapters 10A, 10B, 10C and 10D.

– Recommended Reading

- * De Groot, G.J. *A noble cause? America and the Vietnam War* (Harlow: Longman, 1999)
- * Kaiser, D. *American tragedy: Kennedy, Johnson and the origins of the Vietnam War* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2000)
- * Logevall, F. *Choosing war: the lost chance for peace and the escalation of war in Vietnam* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001)
- * Olsen, J.S. and R. Roberts *Where the domino fell: America and Vietnam, 1945–1995* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2008) [ISBN 9781405182225].
- * Special Vietnam edition, *Diplomatic History* 34(3) 2010.

• Lecture 12: The Cold War in Eastern Europe

– Required Reading

- * Harrison, H. *Driving the Soviets up the Wall: Soviet–East German relations 1953–1961* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005)
- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) Chapters 1B, 6A and 7B.

– Recommended Reading

- * Kramer, M. ‘The Soviet Union and the 1956 crises in Hungary and Poland: reassessments and new findings’, *Journal of Contemporary History* 33(2) 1998.
- * Kramer, M. ‘The early post–Stalin secession struggle and upheavals in East–Central Europe: internal–external linkages in Soviet policy making (Part I)’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 1(1) 1999.
- * Kramer, M. ‘The early post–Stalin secession struggle and upheavals in East–Central Europe: internal–external linkages in Soviet policy making (Part II)’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 1(2) 1999.
- * Kramer, M. ‘The early post–Stalin secession struggle and upheavals in East–Central Europe: internal–external linkages in Soviet policy making (Part III)’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 1(3) 1999.

- * Mastny, V. *The Cold War and Soviet insecurity: the Stalin years* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997) [ISBN 9780195106169].
- * Stykalin, A. 'The Hungarian crisis of 1956: the Soviet role in the light of new archival documents', *Cold War History* 2(1) 2001.
- * Zubok, V. and C. Pleshakov *Inside the Kremlin's Cold War: from Stalin to Khrushchev* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1996)

• **Lecture 13: The Cold War in Latin America: The Cuban Crisis**

– Required Reading

- * Rabe, S.G. *Eisenhower and Latin America: the foreign policy of anti-communism* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2006)
- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) Chapter 6C.

– Recommended Reading

- * Gleijeses, P. *Shattered hope: the Guatemalan Revolution and the United States 1944–1954* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992)
- * Pérez-Stable, M. *The Cuban Revolution: origins, course and legacy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998) [ISBN 9780195127492].
- * Rabe, S.G. 'Controlling revolutions: Latin America, the Alliance for Progress and Cold War anti-communism' in Paterson, T.G. (ed.) *Kennedy's quest for victory: American foreign policy 1961–1963* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992)
- * Szulc, T. *Fidel: a critical portrait* (London: Hutchinson, 1986)

• **Lecture 14: The Cold War in the Middle East: the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

– Required Reading

- * Shlaim, A. *The iron wall: Israel and the Arab world* (London: Allen Lane, 2000)
- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) Chapters 8C and 11D, 13A, 14B, 17A and 17B.

– Recommended Reading

- * Quandt, W. *Peace process: American diplomacy and the Arab–Israeli conflict since 1967* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005)
- * Sayigh, Y. and A. Shlaim (eds) *The Cold War and the Middle East* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997)
- * Schulze, K.E. *The Arab–Israeli conflict* (Harlow: Longman, 2008) second edition
- * Freedman, R.O. *The Middle East and the peace process: the impact of the Oslo accords* (Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 1998)
- * Quandt, W. *Camp David: peacemaking and politics* (Washington: Brookings Institute, 1986)
- * Quandt, W. *Peace process: American diplomacy and the Arab–Israeli conflict since 1967* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005)

• **Lecture 15: The Cold War in Africa: The Congo and Angola**

– Required Reading

- * Westad, O.A. *The global Cold War: third world interventions and the making of our times* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007)
- * Young, J.W. and J. Kent *International relations since 1945: a global history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) Chapter 8B.

– Recommended Reading

- * Gleijeses, P. *Conflicting missions: Havana, Washington and Africa 1959–1976* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2001)
- * Kalb, M.G. *The Congo cables: the Cold War in Africa – from Eisenhower to Kennedy* (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1982)
- * Kent, J. *America, the UN and decolonization: Cold War conflict in the Congo* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2010)
- * Mahoney, R.D. *JFK: ordeal in Africa* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1984)
- * Rikhye, I.J. *Military adviser to the Secretary-General: UN peacekeeping and the Congo crisis* (London: Hurst & Co, 1993)
- * Weissman, S.R. *American foreign policy in the Congo: 1960–64* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1974)

• **Lecture 16: End of the Cold War and Collapse of Communism and Soviet Union-I**

– Required Reading

- * Brown, A. *Seven years that changed the world* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007)
- * Kramer, M. ‘The collapse of East European communism and the repercussions within the Soviet Union (Part I)’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5(1) 2003.
- * Kramer, M. ‘The collapse of East European communism and the repercussions within the Soviet Union (Part II)’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 6(4) 2004.
- * Kramer, M. ‘The collapse of East European communism and the repercussions within the Soviet Union (Part III)’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 7(1) 2005.

– Recommended Reading

- * Connor, W.D. ‘Soviet society, public attitudes and the perils of Gorbachev’s reforms: the social context of the end of the USSR’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5(4) 2003.
- * Tuminez, A.S. ‘Nationalism ethnic pressures and the break-up of the Soviet Union’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5(4) 2003.
- * Wallander, C.A. ‘Western policy and the demise of the Soviet Union’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5 (4) 2003.

• **Lecture 17: End of the Cold War and Collapse of Communism and Soviet Union-II**

– Required Reading

- * Brown, A. *Seven years that changed the world* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007)
- * Kramer, M. ‘The collapse of East European communism and the repercussions within the Soviet Union (Part I)’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5(1) 2003.
- * Kramer, M. ‘The collapse of East European communism and the repercussions within the Soviet Union (Part II)’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 6(4) 2004.

– Recommended Reading

- * Dunlop, J.B. ‘The August 1991 coup and its impact on Soviet politics’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5(1) 2003.
- * Knight, A.W. ‘The KGB, perestroika and the collapse of the Soviet Union’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5(1) 2003.

- * Taylor, B.D. 'The Soviet military and the disintegration of the USSR', *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5(1) 2003.
- * Zlotnik, M.D. 'Yeltsin and Gorbachev: the politics of confrontation', *Journal of Cold War Studies* 5(1) 2003.

• **Lecture 18: The U.S. War on Terror**

– Required Reading

- * Anderson, T.H. *Bush's wars* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011)

– Recommended Reading

- * Bergen, P.L. *The longest war: America and Al-Qaeda since 9/11* (London: Simon and Schuster, 2011)
- * Hersh, S.M. *Chain of command: the road from 9/11 to Abu Ghraib* (New York: Harper Collins, 2004)
- * Woodward, B. *Obama's wars: the inside story* (London: Simon and Schuster, 2011)

• **Lecture 19: The Rise of China**

– Required Reading

- * Deng, Y. *China's struggle for status: the realignment of international relations* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008)

– Recommended Reading

- * Fravel, M.T. 'Power shifts and escalation: explaining China's use of force in territorial disputes', *International Security* 32(3) 2007/08.
- * Kang, D.C. *China rising: peace, power and order in East Asia* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010)
- * Ross, R.S. 'Beijing as a conservative power', *Foreign Affairs* 76(2) 1997.
- * Ross, R.S. 'China's naval nationalism: sources, prospects and the US responses', *International Security* 34(2) 2009.
- * Wang, J. 'China's search for stability with America', *Foreign Affairs* 84(5) 2005.
- * Zheng, B. 'China's peaceful rise to great power status', *Foreign Affairs* 84(5) 2005.

- **Lecture 20: American Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan**

- Required Reading

- * Bird, T. and A. Marshall *Afghanistan: how the west lost its way* (London: Yale University Press, 2011)
 - * Woodward, B. *Plan of attack: the road to war* (London: Simon and Schuster, 2004)

- Recommended Reading

- * Anderson, T.H. *Bush's wars* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011)
 - * Bergen, P.L. *The longest war: the enduring conflict between America and al-Qaeda* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2011)

- **Lecture 21: Ukraine, Syria and Proxy Wars of Influence: Implications for the World Order**

- Required Reading

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