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Historical Studies A-70

International History

Historical Studies A-70 examines the development of world affairs since the end of the nineteenth century by focusing on global transformations, commonly referred to as globalization. Globalization may be defined as increasing interconnectedness (economic, political, cultural) among different regions of the world. Globalization has promoted, and has in turn been promoted by, such diverse phenomena as cross-national trade, investment, and migration; imperialism as well as de-colonization; war as well as peace, cultural inter-penetration as well as multiculturalism. To understand the contemporary world, it is important to examine how forces of globalization have transformed nations and peoples during the last century.

Course Requirements

Students are responsible for the material in Lectures, Sections, and the Course Readings (on average approximately 220 pages per week). Sections will meet on Thursdays 2-3 (two sections) and 3-4 (one section). Additional sections will be created if necessary. Student participation in sections is expected and will account for 20% of the final grade. The writing requirements are 5 response papers (1 to 2 pages) to the weekly readings, and 1 term paper that makes use of some primary sources (10 pages). The paper’s topic should be discussed and approved by the week after Thanksgiving, and the final paper will be due on Monday January 14. There will be a 1-hour mid-term on Tuesday November 6 and a 3-hour final in January.

Grading:  Mid-term test (Nov. 6)  10%
          Final exam            40%
          Term paper            20%
          Response papers      10%
          Section participation 20%
Schedule of Lectures and Sections


Tues. Sept. 18: Modernization and the Age of the Great Powers
Thurs. Sept. 20: Nationalism and Internationalism

Tues. Sept. 25: Globalization and Imperialism at the Turn of the Twentieth Century
Thurs. Sept. 27: Intercultural Contact and Conflict
Sections: Imperialism and the Boxer Uprising

Tues. Oct. 2: Was the Great War (1914-1918) Inevitable?
Thurs. Oct 4: The World Transformed
Sections: Origins of the First World War

Tues. Oct. 9: Wilsonian Visions
Thurs. Oct. 11: The Leninist Alternative
Sections: Wilsonianism and Leninism

Tues. Oct. 16: Postwar Globalization
Thurs. Oct. 18: How “International” Were International Affairs during the 1920s?
Sections: The Peace of the 1920s

Tues. Oct. 23: The Depression and the Fractured Globe of the 1930s
Thurs. Oct. 25: A Liberal, Democratic World in Crisis
Sections: The Rise of Totalitarianism

Tues. Oct. 30: The Second World War: How Different from the First World War?
Thurs. Nov. 1: Aggressions, Atrocities, and the Question of War Responsibility
Sections: The Coming of the Second World War

Tues. Nov. 6: Hour Exam in Class
Thurs. Nov. 8: From the Atlantic Charter (1941) to the Truman Doctrine (1947)
Sections: Origins of the Cold War

Tues. Nov. 13: De-colonization and the Emergence of the Third World
Thurs. Nov. 15: Local Conflicts: the Korean War (1950-54) and the Suez Crisis (1956)
Sections: The Suez Crisis

Tues. Nov. 20: Towards European Integration
Thurs. Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Recess
No Sections This Week

Tues. Nov. 27: Global Transformations during the 1960s
Thurs. Nov. 29: The Vietnam War in the International Context

Sections: Vietnam

Tues. Dec. 4: The 1970s: The Rise of NGOs
Thurs. Dec. 6: The 1970s: Growth of Multinational Corporations (Dr. M. Haefele)

Sections: The World at the End of the Twentieth Century

Tues. Dec. 11: Globalization and Civil Society at the End of the Twentieth Century (Dr. M. Haefele)

Review Sections will be arranged for the Reading Period

Required Readings

The majority of the course readings are contained in the Sourcebook which may be purchased at the Science Center.

Copies of the following required texts, not included in the Sourcebook, may be purchased at the Coop. (All required readings are also on reserve in Lamont and Hilles.)

Akira Iriye, The Globalizing of America (Cambridge University Press)
Kenneth M. Jensen, Origins of the Cold War, revised ed. (United Institute of Peace Press)

Week 3: Imperialism and the Boxer Uprising

From the Sourcebook:
Hobson, Imperialism
Lenin, “Imperialism”
“Boxer Documents” from Teng and Fairbank, China’s Response to the West
Olcott, The Life of William McKinley
Von Bülow, Memoirs of Prince von Bülow
Witte, Memoirs of Count Witte
Week 4: Origins of the First World War
Turner, Origins of the First World War.

From the Sourcebook:
Fischer, “World Policy, World Power and German War Aims”
Joll, “The Debate Continues”
Kennedy, “The Kaiser and German Weltpolitik”
Joll, “The Mood of 1914”
Geis, July 1914

Week 5: Wilsonianism and Leninism
Keylor, Twentieth-Century World, pp. 72-91
Iriye, Globalizing of America, pp. 58-72

From the Sourcebook
Lenin, “War and Revolution”
Wilson, Day of Dedication: Essential Writings and Speeches

Week 6: The Peace of the 1920s
Iriye, Globalizing of America, pp. 73-115
Keylor, Twentieth-Century World, pp. 92-127

From the Sourcebook
Costigliola, Awkward Dominion
Cecil, “Nationalism and Internationalism”
Mowrer, This American World
Merz, “When the Movies Go Abroad”
Niebuhr, “Awkward Imperialists”
Niebuhr, “Perils of American Power”

Week 7: The Rise of Totalitarianism
Keylor, Twentieth-Century World, pp. 128-75
Iriye, Globalizing of America, pp. 116-30

From the Sourcebook
Boyce, “World Depression, World War”
Rauschning, Hitler Speaks
Dodd, My Years in Germany

Week 8: The Coming of the Second World War
Keylor, Twentieth-Century World, pp. 176-96
Iriye, Globalizing of America, pp. 149-216
From the Sourcebook
Taylor, The Origins of the Second World War
Bullock, “Hitler and the Origins of the Second World War”
“Hosbach Protocol”
Chamberlain, “Speech in the House of Commons”
Halifax, “Speech in the House of Lords”
Hitler, “Speech to the Reichstag”
Hitler, “Speech of 22 August 1939”
Foreign Relations of the United States: Japan, 1931-1941
Ike, Japan’s Decision for War
Welles, “Memorandum of Conversations”
The Atlantic Charter
Kimball, Churchill and Roosevelt

Week 9: Origins of the Cold War
Keylor, Twentieth-Century World, pp. 251-75
Jensen, Origins of the Cold War

From the Sourcebook
Bundy, Danger and Survival
McClellan, “Molotov Remembers”
Truman, “Address at the Navy Day Celebration”
Stalin “Election Speech”
Truman, “Special Message to the Congress on Greece and Turkey”
Marshall, “Remarks at Harvard University”

Week 10: The Suez Crisis
Keylor, Twentieth-Century World, pp. 348-60

From the Sourcebook
“British Decolonization”
Thomas, Suez
Eden, Full Circle
Eisenhower, Waging Peace
The Suez Crisis: Selected Documents

Week 11: No Section Meeting

Week 12: Vietnam
Keyelor, Twentieth-Century World, pp. 365-81
From the Sourcebook
Betts, “Misadventure Revisited”
Berman, “Waiting for Smoking Guns”
The Americanization of the Vietnam War

Week 13: The World at the End of the Twentieth Century
Keylor, Twentieth-Century World, pp. 451-67, 544-60

From the Source Book
Fukuyama, “The End of History?”
Mearsheimer, “Why We Will Soon Miss the Cold War”
Halliday, “International Relations and the ‘End of History’”
Havel, Open Letters