

CAS IR349/HI338
History of International Relations, 1900-1945
Tuesday-Thursday, 2-3:20 P.M., SMG 105

Semester I, 2014-2015
Professor William R. Keylor
and Teaching Fellows

REQUIRED READINGS

Asia, The Middle East and Latin America in World Politics, 1914-1945 (course packet)
William R. Keylor, *The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: An International History since 1900, 6th edition*
George Kennan, *Soviet Foreign Policy, 1917-1941*
Michael E. McGuire, ed., *As It Actually Was: A History of International Relations Through Documents, 1882-1945* (course packet)
J. Samuel Walker, *Prompt and Utter Destruction: President Truman and the Use of the Atomic Bombs against Japan*

NOTE: All of these books are available at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Boston University in Kenmore Square

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

The general subject of this course is the political, economic, and military relations among the major powers of the world from the beginning of the twentieth century to the end of the Second World War. Seeking to provide a genuinely multinational perspective on world affairs, this course will assess the ways in which powerful nation-states in this period competed for effective control of the territories, resources, markets, and populations of the world and strove to establish global or regional systems favorable to their national interests, prosperity, and security. We will also study the effect of domestic factors (political, economic, religious, and ideological) on the foreign policies of individual states. In addition to the two major themes of the causes and consequences of the two world wars of the first half of the twentieth century, other important topics to be treated within this broad framework will include: (a) the emergence of the United States and Japan as Pacific powers, (b) Germany's two abortive bids to achieve hegemony over the Eurasian land mass; (c) the divergent attempts by the European colonial powers to preserve their far-flung overseas empires in the face of challenges by rival states and nationalist movements; (d) the evolution of the United States' hegemonic position in the Western Hemisphere and America's attempt to promote a liberal capitalist world order faced with the challenges of Communism and Fascism; (e) Japan's bid to become the predominant power in East Asia; (f) the rivalry among the great powers over petroleum resources amid growing ethnic and religious conflict in the Middle East; and (g) the Anglo-American-Soviet alliance of necessity during the Second World War and the strains in that partnership that foreshadowed the advent of the Cold War.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE

The midterm and final examination must be taken on the two dates specified on the syllabus. Make-up examinations will be given after the scheduled examination time only for a valid medical reason. Any student missing the final examination for a valid medical reason must notify the professor and obtain his permission to miss the examination prior to the examination in order to receive an “Incomplete” grade. If an Incomplete is granted, the student and professor must agree on a date for a make-up examination. If you know that you will be unable to take either or both of the examinations on the specified date for any reason other than a medical one (such as airline flights that cannot be rescheduled) then you must withdraw from this course and enroll in one that fits your schedule. International Relations concentrators who need this course to graduate and cannot take the two examinations at the specified times must arrange with the undergraduate program administrator of the International Relations Department to take an equivalent alternative course for concentration credit.

When you receive your midterm examination after it has been corrected, do not discard it. Keep it in a safe place until you have received your final grade for this course so that you will be sure to receive credit for your examination in case your grade was not properly recorded. Final examinations will be kept on file by your teaching fellow. In addition to the midterm and final examinations, you will have a writing assignment in your section. The nature of that assignment, the ways to avoid the unacceptable and severely punished infraction of plagiarism, and the criteria for determining your course grade will be explained by your teaching fellow.

The PowerPoint slides and lecture outlines used in the lectures for the first half of the course will be posted on the course Blackboard site (under “Course Documents”) on October 10, and for the second half of the course on December 11, to help you prepare for the mid-term and final examinations, respectively. This syllabus appears on the course Blackboard site under “Course Information”.

Professor Keylor holds office hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and by appointment at his campus office, which is located at 154 Bay State Road, Room 301. His telephone number is 617-358-0197 and his e-mail address is wrkeylor@bu.edu. Your teaching fellows this semester, Agnes Burt, Amy Ellison, and Jordon Pouliot, will also hold weekly office hours at times and locations that will be announced in your discussion section and listed on your discussion section syllabus. Your professor and your teaching fellow are here to help you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns related to the course.

PLAGIARISM: WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND AVOID IT

“What is Plagiarism and Why is it Important?”

In college courses, we are continually engaged with other people’s ideas: we read them in texts, hear them in lecture, discuss them in class, and incorporate them into our own writing. As a result, it is very important that we give credit where it is due. Plagiarism is using others’ ideas and words without clearly acknowledging the source of that information.

How Can Students Avoid Plagiarism?

To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use:

- another person’s idea, opinion, or theory;
- any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings—any pieces of information—that are not common knowledge;
- quotations of another person’s actual spoken or written words; or
- paraphrase of another person’s written or spoken words.”

The above quotation is taken from a website of the Writing Tutorial Services of Indiana University (www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html).

Plagiarism Will Not Be Tolerated at Boston University

Since plagiarism is a form of theft (in this case, theft of ideas or words), it is not tolerated in this university and is punished very severely by the Dean’s Office of the College of Arts and Sciences. You must be certain that you understand exactly what plagiarism is and how to avoid it as you prepare your written work for this course. Your teaching fellow will discuss the issue of plagiarism in greater detail.

Please review Boston University’s Academic Conduct Code at <http://www.bu.edu/academics/>

CRITERIA FOR THE DETERMINATION OF YOUR FINAL GRADE

Mid-Term Examination: 25%

Discussion Section Participation: 20%

Analytical Paper: 25%

Final Examination: 30%

NOTE: The Instructor and Teaching Fellows will adjust the final grade upward if the student’s performance on the final examination is substantially higher than his or her performance on the mid-term examination.

LECTURE TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

- Sept. 2 Introduction to the Course
- Sept. 4 The Causes and Consequences of Imperialism
 Keylor, Prologue (pp. 1-39)
 McGuire, pp. 8-19
- Sept. 9 America, Japan, and Europe: The Emerging Centers of Power
 Keylor, Prologue (pp. 1-39) [Continued]
 McGuire, pp. 1-8, 19-47
- Sept. 11,16,18,23 The First World War and the Peace Settlement, 1914-1919
 Keylor, Chaps. 1-2 (pp. 44-95)
 Kennan, Chaps. 1-3 (pp. 10-38), documents 1-12
 McGuire, pp. 48-60, 70-71(E), 73-107
- Sept. 25 The Atlantic Region in the Twenties
 Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 110-129)
 McGuire, pp. 107-111, 144-161
- Sept. 30, Oct.2 The Pacific Region in the Twenties
 Keylor, Chap.7 (pp. 219-230)
 “Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 1-26)
 McGuire, pp. 60-65, 112-119, 137-140
- Oct. 7 The Inter-American Region in the Twenties
 Keylor, Chap. 6 (pp. 193-206)
 “Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 143-162)
 McGuire, pp. 127-135, 141-143
- Oct. 9 The Soviet Union in the Twenties
 Keylor, Chap. 2 (pp.83-85)
 Kennan, Chaps. 4-6 (pp. 38-77), documents 12-24
 McGuire, pp. 135-137
- Oct. 16 The Evolution of the Post-War International Economic Order
 Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 97-110)
 McGuire, pp. 150-161
- Oct. 21 **Mid-Term Examination** (SMG Auditorium)
- Oct. 23 The World in Depression
 Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 131-139)
 McGuire, pp. 205-207

- Oct. 28 The Rise of the German Colossus
Keylor, Chap. 4 (pp. 139-153)
- Oct. 30 The Pursuit of Appeasement
Keylor, Chap. 4 (pp. 154-168)
McGuire, pp. 186-192, 209-212
- Nov. 4 The Inter-American Region in the Thirties
Keylor, Chap. 6 (pp. 206-218)
“Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 163-172)
McGuire, pp. 192-199
- Nov. 6 The Middle East Emerges
Keylor, Chap. 2 (pp. 86-91)
“Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 69-136)
McGuire, pp. 65-70, 71-72, 119-127, 199-205
- Nov. 11 The Soviet Union in the Thirties
Kennan, Chap. 6-10 (pp. 77-102), documents 25-31
McGuire, pp. 183-186, 212-214
Analytical Paper Due in Lecture
- Nov. 13 The European War, 1939-1941
Keylor, Chap. 5 (pp. 170-176)
Kennan, Chap. 9 (pp. 102-115), documents 32-34
McGuire, pp. 221-223
- Nov. 18 The Pacific Region in the Thirties
Keylor, Chap. 7 (pp. 230-242)
“Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 23-68)
McGuire, pp. 168-172, 177-183
- Nov. 20, 25 Global War and the Intervention of the Superpowers
Keylor, Chap. 5 (pp. 177-192), Chap. 7 (pp. 242-250)
McGuire, pp. 220-252
- Dec. 2, 4 The Political Consequences of Victory and Defeat
Walker, complete
McGuire, pp. 252-258
- December 17 **Final Examination** 3:00-5:00 P.M.

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

Sept. 2	Introduction to the Course
4	Patterns of Imperialism
9	America, Japan, and Europe: The Emerging Centers of Power
11	The Great War: The First Phase, 1914-17
16	The Great War: The Final Phase, 1917-1918
18	Documentary Film
23	The Paris Peace Conference: Putting the World Together Again
25	The Atlantic Region in the Twenties: The Quest for Security and Stability
30	Japan, the United States, and the "Washington System" in the Pacific Region, 1919-1930
Oct. 2	Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism in Asia
7	The Inter-American Region in the Twenties
9	The Soviet Union in the Twenties
14	No class: Monday Schedule of Classes
16	The International Economic Order in the Twenties: From Versailles to Wall Street
21	Mid-Term Examination (in class)
23	The Collapse of the International Economic Order: The World in Depression, 1929-1939
28	The Rise of the German Colossus:
30	The Pursuit of Appeasement in Europe
Nov. 4	The Inter-American Region in the Thirties
6	The Middle East Emerges, 1919-39
11	The Soviet Union in the Thirties: <u>Analytical Paper due in lecture</u>
13	The European War, 1939-41
18	The Pacific Region in the Thirties: The Rising Sun
20	Global War and the Intervention of the Superpowers
25	From War Aims to Peace Aims: Yalta to Potsdam Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 2	The War in the Far East: From Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima
4	Documentary Film
9	The Political Consequences of Victory and Defeat
Dec. 17	<u>Final Examination</u> (SMG Auditorium) 3:00-5:00 P.M.