

CAS HI 332/IR 349  
History of International Relations, 1900-1945  
Tuesday-Thursday, 3:30 – 4:45, STO B50

Spring Semester 2017  
Prof. E. Goldstein  
and Teaching Fellows

### REQUIRED READINGS

William R. Keylor, *The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: An International History since 1900*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition  
*Asia, The Middle East and Latin America in World Politics, 1914-1945* (course packet) since 1900, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Professor Goldstein holds office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00-3:00, Tuesday, 9.30 – 10.30; and by appointment at his campus office, which is located at 152 Bay State Road. His telephone number is 617-353-9280. Your teaching fellows this semester are Hannah Metheny, Thomas Nunan, and Benjamin Welton, and they will also hold weekly office hours at times and locations that will be announced in your discussion section. 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](http://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

- Jan. 19                    Introduction to the Course & the Inheritance of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- Jan. 24                    Patterns of Imperialism  
                                  Keylor, Prologue (pp. 1-39)  
                                  McGuire, pp. 8-19
- Jan. 26                    America, Japan, and Europe: The Emerging Centers of Power  
                                  Keylor, Prologue (pp. 1-39) [Continued]  
                                  McGuire, pp. 1-8, 19-47
- Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 7, 9    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
- Feb. 14                    The Atlantic Region in the Twenties: The Quest for Security & Stability  
                                  Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 110-129)  
                                  McGuire, pp. 107-111, 144-161
- Feb. 16, 23              The Pacific Region in the Twenties: Japan, the United States and the Washington System & Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism in Asia  
                                  Keylor, Chap.7 (pp. 219-230)  
                                  'Asia, The Middle East & Latin America' (pp. 1-26)  
                                  McGuire, pp. 60-65, 112-119, 137-140
- Feb. 28                    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
- Mar. 2                      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

- Mar. 14            **Mid-Term Examination** (in class)
- Mar. 16            The International Economic Order in the 1920s: from Versailles to Wall Street  
Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 97-110)  
McGuire, pp. 150-161
- Mar. 21            The Collapse of the International Economic Order: The World in Depression  
Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 131-139)  
McGuire, pp. 205-207
- Mar. 23            The Rise of the German Colossus  
Keylor, Chap. 4 (pp. 139-153)
- Mar. 28            The Pursuit of Appeasement  
Keylor, Chap. 4 (pp. 154-168)  
McGuire, pp. 186-192, 209-212
- Mar. 30            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
- Apr. 4             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
- Apr. 6             The Soviet Union in the Thirties **Analytical Paper Due in Lecture**  
Kennan, Chap. 6-10 (pp. 77-102), documents 25-31  
McGuire, pp. 183-186, 212-214
- Apr. 11            The European War, 1939-1941  
Keylor, Chap. 5 (pp. 170-176)  
Kennan, Chap. 9 (pp. 102-115), documents 32-34  
McGuire, pp. 221-223
- Apr. 13            The Pacific Region in the Thirties: The Rising Sun  
Keylor, Chap. 7 (pp. 230-242)  
'Asia, The Middle East & Latin America' (pp. 23-68)  
McGuire, pp. 168-172, 177-183
- Apr 18, 20, 25    Global War and the Intervention of the Superpowers; War Aims to Peace Aims from Yalta to Potsdam; From Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima  
Keylor, Chap. 5 (pp. 177-192), Chap. 7 (pp. 242-250)  
McGuire, pp. 220-252
- Apr. 27, May 2    The Political Consequences of Victory and Defeat  
Walker, complete  
McGuire, pp. 252-258

TBA **Final Examination**

**SCHEDULE OF LECTURES**

- Jan. 19 Introduction to the Course  
 24 Patterns of Imperialism  
 26 America, Japan, and Europe: The Emerging Centers of Power  
 31 The Great War: Road to War & The First Phase, 1914-17
- Feb. 2 The Great War: The Final Phase, 1917-1918  
 7 Documentary Film  
 9 The Paris Peace Conference: Putting the World Together Again  
 14 The Atlantic Region in the Twenties: The Quest for Security and Stability  
 16 The Pacific Region in the Twenties: Japan, the United States, and the 'Washington System'  
 21 **Monday Schedule**  
 23 Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism in Asia  
 28 The Inter-American Region in the Twenties
- Mar. 2 The Soviet Union in the Twenties  
 14 **Mid-Term Examination (in class)**  
 16 The International Economic Order in the Twenties: From Versailles to Wall Street  
 21 The Collapse of the International Economic Order: The World in Depression, 1929-1939  
 23 The Rise of the German Colossus:  
 28 The Pursuit of Appeasement in Europe  
 30 The Inter-American Region in the Thirties
- Apr. 4 The Middle East Emerges, 1919-39  
 6 The Soviet Union in the Thirties: **Analytical Paper due in lecture**  
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