

CAS IR349/HI332
History of International Relations, 1900-1945
Tuesday-Thursday, 2-3:15 P.M.
Morse Auditorium

Semester I, 2017-2018
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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 that country'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 failed efforts at appeasement by Great Britain and France in the face of the rise of Nazi Germany; (h) 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.

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. In addition to the midterm and final examinations, you will be assigned an analytical paper in your discussion section. The nature of that assignment and the criteria for determining your course grade will be explained by your teaching fellow. Late papers will be penalized five points (on a scale of 100) for each day beyond the due date.

The PowerPoint slides and lecture outlines for the first half of the course will be posted on the course Blackboard site (under “PowerPoint Slides”) on October 10, and for the second half of the course on December 7, 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 and Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to noon and 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. 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. His Twitter address is @wrkeylor and his website is located at <http://www.bu.edu/pardeeschool/profile/william-r-keylor/>. Your teaching fellows for this course 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.

GRADES FOR EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYTICAL PAPER

If you do not understand the reasons for a grade that you received on your examinations or on your analytical paper, you may discuss the matter with your teaching fellow. After such a meeting you may discuss the grade that you received with the

professor. If you so request, the professor will reread the examination or paper and award the grade that he thinks it deserves.

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 Fellow 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. 5 Introduction to the Course
- Sept. 7 The Causes and Consequences of Imperialism
 Keylor, Prologue (pp. 1-39)
 McGuire, pp. 8-19
- Sept. 12 America, Japan, and Europe: The Emerging Centers of Power
 Keylor, Prologue (pp. 1-39) [Continued]
 McGuire, pp. 1-8, 19-47
- Sept. 14, 19, 21 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. 26 The Atlantic Region in the Twenties
 Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 110-129)
 McGuire, pp. 107-111, 144-161
- Sept. 28, Oct.3 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. 5 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. 12 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. 17 The Evolution of the Post-War International Economic Order
 Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 97-110)
 McGuire, pp. 150-161
- Oct. 19 **Mid-Term Examination** (in class)
- Oct. 24 The World in Depression
 Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 131-139)
 McGuire, pp. 205-207

- Oct. 26 The Rise of the German Colossus
Keylor, Chap. 4 (pp. 139-153)
- Oct. 31 The Pursuit of Appeasement
Keylor, Chap. 4 (pp. 154-168)
McGuire, pp. 186-192, 209-212
- Nov. 2 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. 7 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. 9 The Soviet Union in the Thirties
Kennan, Chap. 6-10 (pp. 77-102), documents 25-31
McGuire, pp. 183-186, 212-214
- Nov. 14 The European War, 1939-1941
Keylor, Chap. 5 (pp. 170-176)
Kennan, Chap. 9 (pp. 102-115), documents 32-34
McGuire, pp. 221-223
Analytical Paper Due in Lecture
- Nov. 16 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. 21, 28 Global War and the Intervention of the Superpowers
Keylor, Chap. 5 (pp. 177-192)), Chap. 7 (pp. 242-250)
McGuire, pp. 220-252
- Nov. 30,
Dec. 5, 7, 12 The Political Consequences of Victory and Defeat
Walker, complete
McGuire, pp. 252-258

Final Examination: Saturday, December 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

Sept. 5	Introduction to the Course
7	Patterns of Imperialism
12	America, Japan, and Europe: The Emerging Centers of Power
14	The Great War: The First Phase, 1914-17
19	The Great War: The Final Phase, 1917-1918
21	The Paris Peace Conference: Putting the World Together Again
26	The Atlantic Region in the Twenties: The Quest for Security and Stability
28	Japan, the United States, and the "Washington System" in the Pacific Region, 1919-1930
Oct. 3	Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism in Asia
5	The Inter-American System in the Twenties
10	No class. Substitute Monday Schedule of Classes
12	The Soviet Union in the Twenties
17	The International Economic Order in the Twenties: From Versailles to Wall Street
19	Mid-Term Examination (in class)
24	The Collapse of the International Economic Order: The World in Depression, 1929-1939
26	The Rise of the German Colossus
31	The Pursuit of Appeasement in Europe
Nov. 2	The Inter-American Region in the Thirties
7	The Middle East Emerges, 1919-39
9	The Soviet Union in the Thirties:
14	The European War, 1939-41 <u>Analytical Paper due in lecture</u>
16	The Pacific Region in the Thirties: The Rising Sun
21	Global War and the Intervention of the Superpowers
Nov. 22-Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Recess
28	From War Aims to Peace Aims: Yalta to Potsdam
30	The War in the Far East: From Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima
Dec. 5	Documentary Film
7	The Political Consequences of Victory and Defeat
12	Review of Second Half of Course

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