

IR 350/HI334: HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE 1945

Semester I, 2017-2018

Lecture: Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Morse Auditorium

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REQUIRED READINGS

William Keylor, The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: An International History since 1900 (6th revised edition., New York: Oxford University Press, 2011)

Edward H. Judge and John W. Langdon, eds., The Cold War: A History Through Documents (Custom Edition, Boston: Pearson Learning Solutions, 2012)

Marilyn B. Young, John J. Fitzgerald, and Tom Grunfeld, The Vietnam War: A History in Documents (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002)

Note: All of the above books are available at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Kenmore Square. Please purchase them by the first week of class. The Judge & Landon book is a custom edition only available at the Bookstore.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE

The requirements of this course include (1) a mid-term examination, (2) an analytical paper, (3) a final examination, (4) regular attendance at lecture, and (5) attendance at and participation in a weekly discussion section.

Midterm Examination: Oct, 19, 9:30-11:45 a.m..

Analytical Paper: Due Nov. 16 in lecture

Final Examination: Tuesday, Dec.19, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The mid-term and final examinations must be taken on the two dates specified on this syllabus. Make-up examinations will be given after the scheduled examination time only for a valid medical reason. Any student who misses the final examination for a valid medical reason must notify the professor or teaching fellow prior to or immediately after the examination in order to receive an "Incomplete" grade and arrange for a makeup examination. If you know that you will be unable to take either of the examinations on the specified date for any reason other than a medical one (athletic events, job interviews, airline flights that cannot be rescheduled, etc.) 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 the paper assignment and the criteria for determining your grade for the course will be explained in greater detail by your teaching fellow in your discussion section. The analytical paper is due in lecture on November 14 in lecture. 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 “Content”) 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.”

CRITERIA FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF FINAL GRADES FOR THE COURSE

Mid-Term Examination: 25%

Analytical Paper: 25%

Final Examination: 30%

Participation in Weekly Discussion Section: 20%

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.

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. For information about Boston University’s policy on plagiarism, see <http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/>. 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. Please be certain that you understand exactly what plagiarism is and how to avoid it.

AVAILABILITY OF PROFESSOR AND TEACHING FELLOWS

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. If you cannot come to his office during his office hours, please get in touch with him to arrange another mutually convenient time to meet. 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 this semester, Jayita Sarkar and Alexandra Steinlight, hold weekly office hours at times and locations that will be announced in your weekly discussion sections. Your professor and your teaching fellow are here to help you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with them if you have any questions or concerns related to the course!

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

The general subject of this course is the political, economic, and military relations among the major countries of the world since the end of the Second World War. Some of the themes covered will include (1) the causes and consequences of the Cold War from its origins in Europe to its extension to Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East; (2) the formation of the non-aligned bloc of nations seeking to avoid a choice between the two “superpowers;” (3) the emergence of regional conflicts and tensions unrelated to the Cold War in many parts of the world; (4) the creation and evolution of the postwar international economic order; (5) the disintegration of the European colonial empires and the emergence of independent states in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East; (6) the rise of the People’s Republic of China, the recovery of Japan as a major economic power, and their increasingly important roles in Asia; (7) the end of the Cold War and the breakup of the Communist bloc; and (8) the emergence of a new international order in what has been called the era of globalization.

LECTURE TOPICS AND ASSIGNED READINGS

- Sept. 5: Introduction to the course; The Legacy of the Second World War
- Sept. 7, 12, 14: The Ideological Division of the World
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 8, pp. 253-277
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 1-48
- Sept. 19, 21: The Militarization of Containment
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch 8, pp. 277-297; ch. 9, pp. 304-306
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 58-59, 61-65, 70-71, 77-90
- Sept. 26, 28: The Middle East in Ferment
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 9 pp. 299-304, Chapter 10, pp. 344-351

- Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 90-96
- Oct. 3, 5, 12: The Far East: China, Korea, Indochina, Japan
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 11, pp. 352-373
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 48-56, 59-61, 65-69, 72-77
 Young et al., The Vietnam War, Chapter I.
- Oct. 17: Latin America: From Chapultepec to Castro
 Keylor, 20th Century, pp. 313-320; Judge & Langdon, pp. 101-103
- Oct. 19: **MID-TERM EXAMINATION (In class)**
- Oct. 24, 26: Years of Crisis: 1958-1962
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 9, pp. 306-313, 317-322
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 96-101, 104-115, 118-119.
- Oct. 31
- Nov. 2: Détente between the two Europes and the two Superpowers
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 10, pp. 323-344
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 115-117, 119-121,
 144-145, 148-154, 158-169, 179-181
- Nov. 7, 9, 14: The Far East, 1960-1990
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 11, pp. 373-386; ch. 15, pp. 432-447
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 121-129, 138-143, 145-147,
 173-179
 Young et al., The Vietnam War, Chapters 2-8
- Nov. 16: Africa: The Challenges of Independence.
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 14, pp. 414-431; ch. 19, pp. 510-530
ANALYTICAL PAPER DUE IN LECTURE
- Nov. 21: Inter-American Relations after the Cuban Missile Crisis
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 13, pp. 402-413; ch. 21, pp. 547-560
- Nov. 28, 30: War and Peace in the Middle East, 1960-1990.
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 10, pp. 344-351; ch. 12, pp. 395-401;
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 169-173
- Dec. 5, 7, 12 The End of the Cold War and the Advent of a New International Order
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 12, pp. 388-395; ch. 16, pp. 451-470; ch.
 17, pp. 471-488; ch.18, pp. 489-509; ch. 20, pp.531-546; ch. 22,
 pp. 561-592
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 182-249

FINAL EXAMINATION: Tuesday, Dec. 19, 9:00-11:00 am

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

- Sept. 5: Introduction; Organization of the Course; The Legacy of the Second World War
 7: The Ideological Division of Europe, 1945-1949
 12: The Ideological Division of Germany, 1945-1949
 14: The Postwar Economic Order: From Bretton Woods to the Common Market
 19: From Containment to Confrontation
 21: Prospects for Peaceful Coexistence
 26: The Middle East: From Palestine to Israel
 28: The Middle East: The Arab World in Revolt
 Oct. 3 The Rise of the People's Republic of China
 5 The Extension of the Cold War to the Far East
 10: No class. Monday Schedule of Classes
 12: The Recovery of Japan
 17: Latin America: From Chapultepec to Castro
 19: **MID-TERM EXAMINATION**
 24: The Crisis Years of the Early Sixties
 26 The Cuban Missile Crisis
 31: Challenges to the Bipolar World in the 1960s
 Nov. 2: Ostpolitik and Détente in the Seventies
 Nov. 7: The Second War for Indochina, 1954-1975
 9: China Turns to the West
 14: Japan and the Newly Industrializing Countries of East Asia
 16: Africa: The Challenges of Independence **ANALYTICAL PAPER DUE IN LECTURE**
 21: Inter-American Relations after the Cuban Missile Crisis
 Nov. 22-26 Thanksgiving Recess
 28: The Middle East from Suez to Camp David
 30: The Middle East from Camp David to "Desert Storm"
 Dec. 5: The End of the Cold War
 7: The 1990s: The Decade of Globalization
 12: The International System of the Twenty-First Century

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