

CAS HI/IR 349
History of International Relations, 1900-1945
Tuesday-Thursday, 2-3:20 P.M., SMG 105

Semester I, 2004-2005
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: An International History, 4th 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.

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 that is confirmed by a letter from your physician or the health service. 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 (weddings, job interviews, airline flights that cannot be rescheduled, etc.) then you must withdraw from this course and enroll in one that fits your schedule. International Relation concentrators who need this course to graduate and cannot take the two examinations at the specified times must arrange with the undergraduate student adviser of the International Relations Department to take an equivalent alternative course for concentration credit. Please note: The last day that you can drop this course without receiving a W grade is Tuesday, October 12. The last day that you can drop this course with a grade of W is Friday, October 29.

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 examinations in case your grade was not properly recorded. Final examinations will be kept on file by the person who graded them. 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 section leader.

Professor Keylor holds office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 P.M., Wednesdays 10:00-12:00 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. Your teaching fellows this semester, Stephen Arguetta, David Atkinson, Michael Carlos, and Sam Deese will also hold weekly office hours at times that will be announced in your discussion sections. Your professor and your section leader 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. For information about how to recognize unacceptable and acceptable paraphrases, strategies for avoiding plagiarism, and a discussion of what common knowledge consists of, please see 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.

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.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

The general subject of this course is the political, economic, and military relations among the great 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 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 and security. We will also study the effect of domestic factors (political, economic, 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 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's hegemonic position in the Western Hemisphere and America's attempt to promote liberal capitalist world order amid 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, and ethnic and religious strife 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.

LECTURE TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

- Sept. 7 Introduction
- Sept. 9 Patterns of Imperialism
 Keylor, Prologue (pp. 3-39)
 McGuire, pp. 9-15
- Sept. 14 America, Japan, and Europe: The Emerging Centers of Power
 Keylor, Prologue (pp. 3-39) [Continued]
 McGuire, pp. 1-9, 15-41
- Sept. 16, 21, 23 The First World War and the Peace Settlement, 1914-1919
 Keylor, Chaps. 1-2 (pp. 43-91)
 Kennan, Chaps. 1-3 (pp. 10-38), documents 1-12
 “Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 69-89)
 McGuire, pp. 42-57, 62-75, 75-76, 82-90
- Sept. 28 The Atlantic Region in the Twenties
 Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 107-127)
 McGuire, pp.77-81, 91-97, 133-140, 149-151
- Sept. 30, Oct. 5 The Pacific Region in the Twenties
 Keylor, Chap. 7 (pp. 220-231)
 “Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 1-22)
 McGuire, pp. 57-61, 97-104
- Oct. 7 The Inter-American Region in the Twenties
 Keylor, Chap. 6 (pp. 197-209)
 “Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 143-162)
 McGuire, pp. 117-122
- Oct. 12 The Soviet Union in the Twenties
 Kennan, Chaps. 4-6 (pp. 38-77), documents 13-22
 McGuire, pp. 73-75 (again), 122-124
- Oct. 14, 19 The Evolution of the Post-War International Economic Order
 Keylor, Chap. 3 (pp. 92-107)
 McGuire, pp. 140-149

- Oct. 21 **Midterm Examination** (in class)
- Oct. 26 The Rise of the German Colossus
Keylor, Chap. 4 (pp. 128-137)
McGuire, pp. 161-172
- Oct. 28 The Pursuit of Appeasement
Keylor, Chap. 4 (pp. 137-175)
McGuire, pp. 172-181, 183-186, 199-208
- Nov. 2 The Inter-American Region in the Thirties
Keylor, Chap. 6 (pp. 209-219)
“Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 163-172)
McGuire, pp. 186-193, 215-220
- Nov. 4 The Middle East Emerges
“Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 91-141)
McGuire, pp. 62-66 (again), 105-116, 194-199
- Nov. 9 The Soviet Union in the Thirties
Kennan, Chap. 6-10 (pp. 77-102), documents 23-31
McGuire, pp. 172-181 (again)
Analytical Paper Due in Lecture
- Nov. 16 The European War, 1939-1941
Keylor, Chap. 5 (pp. 176-182 only)
Kennan, Chap. 9 (pp. 102-115), documents 32-34
McGuire, pp. 214-215, 220-224, 226-234
- Nov. 18 The Pacific Region in the Thirties
Keylor, Chap. 7 (pp. 231-242)
“Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 23-42)
- Nov. 30,
Dec. 2, 7 Global War and the Intervention of the Superpowers
Keylor, Chap. 5 (pp. 182-196), Chap. 7 (pp. 242-247)
“Asia, The Middle East & Latin America” (pp. 43-68)
McGuire, pp. 234-252
- Dec. 9 The Political Consequences of Victory and Defeat
Walker, complete, McGuire, pp. 252-259
- Dec. 17 **Final Examination** (according to Registrar’s Schedule)
Friday, Dec. 17, 9:00-11:00 A.M. (in SMG 105)

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

Sept.	7	Introduction to the Course
	9	Patterns of Imperialism
	14	America, Japan, and Europe: The Emerging Centers of Power
	16	The Great War: The First Phase, 1914-17
	21	The Great War: The Final Phase, 1917-18
	23	The Paris Peace Conference: Putting the World Together Again
	28	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.	5	Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism in Asia
	7	The Inter-American Region in the Twenties: NOTE: <u>Lecture in George Sherman Union Auditorium</u>
	12	The Soviet Union in the Twenties
	14	The International Economic Order in the Twenties: From Versailles to Wall Street
	19	The Collapse of the International Economic Order: The World in Depression, 1929-39
	21	<u>Mid-Term Examination</u> (in class)
	26	The Rise of the German Colossus
	28	The Pursuit of Appeasement in Europe
Nov.	2	The Inter-American Region in the Thirties
	4	The Middle East Emerges, 1919-39
	9	The Soviet Union in the Thirties: <u>Analytical Paper due in lecture</u>
	11	Holiday. No class
	16	The European War, 1939-41
	18	The Pacific Region in the Thirties: The Rising Sun
	23	Global War and the Intervention of the Superpowers
	25	Thanksgiving Recess. No class
	30	From War Aims to Peace Aims: Yalta to Potsdam
Dec.	2	The War in the Far East: From Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima
	7	Documentary Film
	9	The Political Consequences of Victory and Defeat
	17	<u>Final Examination</u> (9:00-11:00 A.M.) SMG 105