

HI/IR 350: HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE 1945

Semester II, 2006-07

Lecture: Tuesday, Thursday, 2:00-3:20 P.M.

Morse Auditorium

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REQUIRED READINGS

William Keylor, The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: An International History since 1900 (2005)

Walter LaFeber, America, Russia, and the Cold War, 1945-2006 (2006)

Edward H. Judge & John W. Langdon, eds., The Cold War: A History Through Documents (1999)

James S. Olson and Randy Roberts, Where the Domino Fell: America and Vietnam, 1945-2004 (2004)

Note: All of the above books are available at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Kenmore Square. Please purchase them during the first week of class.

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: March 8, 2:00-3:20 P.M. – in Morse Auditorium

Analytical Paper: Due April 3 – in Morse Auditorium

Final Examination: May 7, 2:00-4:00 P.M. – in Morse Auditorium

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 that is confirmed by a letter from your physician or the health service. Any student who misses the final examination for a valid medical reason must notify the professor or section leader 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 or both 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. International Relations concentrators who need this course to graduate and cannot take the two examinations at the specified times should arrange with the Undergraduate International Relations Office 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 the person who graded them. 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 section leader. The analytical paper is due in lecture on March 29. Late papers will be penalized five points (on a scale of 100) for each day beyond the due date.

CRITERIA FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF FINAL GRADES FOR THE COURSE

Mid-Term Examination: 25%

Analytical Paper: 25%

Final Examination: 35%

Participation in Weekly Discussion Section: 15%

PLEASE NOTE: The last day that you may drop this class (without a “W” grade) is February 16. The last day that you may withdraw (with a “W” grade) is March 9.

RECONSIDERATION OF 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 section leader. If, after such discussion, you definitely believe that you have been unfairly graded, you may appeal the grade to the professor. At your request, the professor will review 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. 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. 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 3:30 to 4:30 P.M., Wednesdays, 11:00 A.M. to 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, Stephen Arguetta (smja@bu.edu), D.J. Cash (dcash@bu.edu), Brian Casady (casadybd@bu.edu), and François Lalonde (flalonde@bu.edu) will also hold weekly office hours at times that will be announced in your weekly 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.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

The general subject of this course is the political, economic, and military relations between the major countries of the world from the end of the Second World War to the present. 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 emergence of regional conflicts and tensions unrelated to the Cold War in many parts of the world; (3) the formation of the non-aligned bloc of nations seeking to avoid a choice between the two superpowers; (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; (7) the end of the Cold War and the breakup of the Communist bloc; and (8) the emergence of a new international order in the era of globalization.

Lecture Topics and Assigned Readings

- Jan 16: Introduction to the course: The Legacy of the Second World War
- Jan 18, 23, 25: The Ideological Division of the World
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 8, pp. 233-254
 LaFeber, America and Russia, Intro.; chs. 1-3
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 13-52, 100-102
- Jan. 30, Feb. 1: The Militarization of Containment
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch 8, pp. 254-261; ch. 9, pp. 262-280
 LaFeber, America and Russia, chs. 4, 6, 7, 8
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 65-69, 74-75, 81-94
- Feb. 6, 8: The Middle East in Ferment (1945-1960)
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 10, pp. 315-322
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 94-100
- Feb. 13, 15, 22 The Far East: China, Korea, Indochina, Japan
 LaFeber, America and Russia, ch. 5
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 11, pp. 323-333
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 52-65, 69-73, 76-81
 Olson and Roberts, Where the Domino Fell, Chapters 1 and 2
- Feb. 27: Latin America: From Chapultepec to Castro
 Keylor, 20th Century, pp. 287-294
- March 1, 6, 20 Years of Crisis: 1958-1962
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 9, pp. 281-287
 LaFeber, America and Russia, ch. 9; ch. 10, pp. 231-239
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 105-129
- Mar. 22, 27: Detente Between the Two Europes and the Two Superpowers
 Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 10, pp. 295-315
 LaFeber, American and Russia, ch. 11
 Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 142-149, 160-165, 170-181, 191-193

Mar. 29, April 3, The Far East, 1960-1990

April 5:

ANALYTICAL PAPER DUE IN LECTURE: APRIL 3

Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 11, pp. 333-351; ch. 15, pp. 392-404

LaFeber, America and Russia, ch. 9, pp. 225-228; ch. 10, pp. 239-252, 258-265

Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 130-142, 150-155, 157-159, 166-169, 185-190

Olson and Roberts, Where the Domino Fell, Chapters 3-10

Apr. 10, 12: War and Peace in the Middle East, 1960-1990.

Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 10, pp. 315-322; ch. 12, pp. 359-364;

Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 181-185

Apr. 17: Africa: The Challenge of Independence

Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 14, pp. 376-391; ch. 19, pp. 453-467

LaFeber, America and Russia, pp. 252-254

Apr. 19: Inter-American Relations Since the Cuban Missile Crisis

Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 13, pp. 365-375; ch. 21, pp. 481-489

Apr. 24, 26, The End of the Cold War and the New International Order

May 1, 3

Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 12, pp. 352-359; ch. 16, pp. 407-422; ch. 17, pp. 423-437; ch. 20, pp. 468-480; ch. 22, pp. 490-512

LaFeber, America and Russia, chs. 12-13

Judge and Langdon, The Cold War, pp. 194-263

May 7, 2:00-4:00 P.M., Morse Auditorium: FINAL EXAMINATION

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

- Jan.16: Introduction; The Legacy of the Second World War
 18: The Ideological Division of Europe, 1945-1949
 23: The Ideological Division of Germany, 1945-1949
 25: The Postwar Economic Order: From Bretton Woods to the Common Market
 30: From Containment to Confrontation
- Feb. 1: Prospects for Peaceful Coexistence
 Feb. 6: The Middle East: From Palestine to Israel
 8: The Middle East: The Arab World in Revolt: 1945-1960
 13: The Rise of the People's Republic of China, 1945-1960
 15: The Extension of the Cold War to the Far East, 1945-1960
 20: No class. Monday Schedule of Classes
 22: The Recovery of Japan, 1945-1960
 27: Latin America: From Chapultepec to Castro
- Mar. 1: The Crisis Years of the Early Sixties
 6: The Cuban Missile Crisis
 8: **MIDTERM EXAMINATION**
- Mar. 10-18: Spring Break
 20: Documentary Film
 22: Challenges to the Bipolar World in the 1960s
 27: Ostpolitik and Detente in the Seventies
 29: The Second War for Indochina, 1954-1975
- April 3: China Turns to the West. **ANALYTICAL PAPER DUE IN LECTURE**
 April 5: Japan and the Newly Industrializing Countries of East Asia
 April 10: The Middle East from Suez to Camp David
 12: The Middle East from Camp David to "Desert Storm"
 17: Africa: The Challenges of Independence
 19: Inter-American Relations Since the Cuban Missile Crisis
 24: The End of the Cold War
 26: Documentary Film
- May 1: The 1990s: The Decade of Globalization
 3: The International System of the Twenty-First Century
- May 7: **FINAL EXAMINATION: 2:00-4:00 P.M. Morse Auditorium**