

HI 334/IR350: History of International Relations, 1945-present
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REQUIRED READINGS

William Keylor, *The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: An International History since 1900 (6th edition.)*

Jussi M. Hanhimaki and Odd Arne Westad, *The Cold War: A History in Documents and Eyewitness Accounts*

Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times*

Mark Atwood Lawrence, *The Vietnam War: A Concise International History*

Additional readings via email or handout. These are designated with “***” on the syllabus. Please note there is no Blackboard site for this course.

All of the assigned books are available at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Boston University.

CRITERIA FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF FINAL GRADES FOR THE COURSE

Attendance and Participation: 25%

Attendance and participation in discussion section is required. If you are unable to attend due to illness, you must inform your TF via email and make best efforts to attend a different discussion that same week to make up for the missed class. If you miss three or more discussion sections for any reason, you will receive a failing grade for “Attendance and Participation.”

Mid-Term Examination, March 5: 20%

Analytical Paper: Due, April 14: 25%

Final Examination: Date TBD: 30%

The final examination must be taken on the date specified on this syllabus. Make-up examination 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 instructor prior to or immediately after the examination in order to receive an “Incomplete” grade and arrange for a makeup examination. In addition to the midterm and final examinations, you will be required to write an analytical paper. 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. The analytical paper is due in lecture April 14. Handing in your paper after the due date will result in a penalty of three points per day.

The grading criteria for this course will be accordingly:

93-100	A	90-92	A-
88-89	B+	83-87	B
80-82	B-	78-79	C+
74-77	C	70-73	C-
50-69	D	0-49	F

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.”

For more information see <http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/>

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.

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 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 related 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 and its increasingly important role in Asia; (7) the Vietnam War (8) Détente; (9) the end of the Cold War and the breakup of the Communist bloc; (10) the emergence of a new international order in the era of globalization and the war on terror.

LECTURE TOPICS AND ASSIGNED READINGS

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| January 20: | <u>Introduction to the Course: In the Shadow of the Second World War</u> |
| January 22: | <u>Ideology and the Cold War: The U.S. and the Soviet Union in the World</u>
Westad, <i>Global Cold War</i> , pp. 8-72 |
| January 27: | <u>The Coming of the Cold War, 1945-1947</u>
Keylor, pp. 254-277
Hanhimaki and Westad, <i>The Cold War</i> , pp. 49-52; 121-128 |
| January 29: | <u>From Containment to Confrontation, 1948-1950</u>
Keylor, pp. 277-280
Hanhimaki and Westad, <i>The Cold War</i> pp. 56- 62; 96-100; 128-132
"NSC-68" (excerpt)** |
| February 3: | <u>Out of World War Two's Ashes: China and Japan, 1945-1949</u>
Keylor, pp. 352-357
Hanhimaki and Westad, <i>The Cold War</i> , pp. 137-155 |
| February 5: | <u>Cold War in Asia, China, Japan, and Korea</u>
Keylor, pp. 357-364
Hanhimaki and Westad, <i>The Cold War</i> , pp. 155-164; 176-198
Dean Acheson's "Defense Perimeter Speech"*** |

- February 10: The French Indo-China War
Keylor, pp. 369-372
Atwood Lawrence, pp. 1-46
Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 210-213
- February 12: Hope and Crises in the Eisenhower Era, 1953-1956
Keylor, pp. 287-294
Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 245-253; 275-283
- February 17: No Class: University on Monday Schedule**
- February 19: The Middle East: Independence and Oil, 1945-1958
Keylor, pp. 299-304
The Eisenhower Doctrine**
Speeches by Nasser**
- February 24: Hope and Crises in the Eisenhower Era, 1957-1960
Keylor, pp. 304-311
Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 288-293
- February 26: Non-Alignment in the 1950s
Keylor, pp. 297-299
Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 349-351
Westad, *The Global Cold War*, pp. 97-109
- March 3: The Era of Western European Unity
Keylor, pp. 281-284; 289-292
Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 315-328; 333-336
- March 5: In-class Midterm Essay Exam**
- March 17: The Western Hemisphere and the Cold War, 1945-1961
Keylor, pp. 314-320
Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 381-390; 455-457
- March 19: The Cuban Missile Crisis
Keylor, pp. 320-322
Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 483-490
Westad, *The Global Cold War*, pp. 170-180
John F. Kennedy, "Speech on Cuba, October 22, 1962"*** Watch or read
- March 24: Kennedy in the World
Keylor, pp. 311-313
Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 328-331

- March 26: The Collapse of Unity in The Communist World
 Keylor, pp. 364-369
 Westad, *The Global Cold War*, pp. 160-170
 Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 198-208; 268-272
- March 31, April 2: The Vietnam War, 1954-1975
 Atwood Lawrence, pp. 47-185
 Keylor, pp. 372-378
 Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 214-240
- April 7, 9: De-Colonization and Cold War in Africa
 Westad, *The Global Cold War*, pp. 87-96; 207-287
 Keylor, pp. 413-431
 Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 360-371; 373-377; 518-528
- April 14: The Rise and Fall of Détente
 Keylor, pp. 323-332; 388-392
 Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 301-304; 336-338; 503-514;
 533-535; 544-551
Analytical Paper due in Lecture
- April 16: The Middle East: From Arab Nationalism to Political Islamism
 Keylor, pp. 392-401; 532-535; 537-546
 Westad, *The Global Cold War*, pp. 288-330; 348-357
 Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 561-568
- April 21, 23: Reagan, Gorbachev and the End of the Cold War in Europe
 Keylor, pp. 449-460
 Westad, *The Global Cold War*, pp. 364-395
 Hanhimaki and Westad, *The Cold War*, pp. 306-310; 568-588; 600-607;
 612-627
- April 28: The 1990s and the New International Order
 Keylor, pp. 472-488; 531-546
- April 30: The War on Terrorism and the War in Iraq
 Keylor, pp. 587-593
 George W. Bush, "Speech Before Congress, September 2001"***
 George W. Bush, "Second Inaugural Address, 2005"***
- Final Exam: Date TBD