IR 350/HI334: HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE 1945

Semester I, 2016-2017
Lecture: Tuesday, Thursday, 2:00-3:20 p.m.
Room: HAR Auditorium

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REQUIRED READINGS


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, 20, 2:00-3:20 p.m.
Analytical Paper: Due Nov. 15 in lecture
Final Examination: Saturday, December 17, 3:00-5:00 p.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
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 10 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 11, and for the second half of the course on December 2, 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%

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 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. 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/pardeschool/profile/william-r-keylor/. Your teaching fellows this semester, Will Edmonstone, Julie Keresztes, and Chris Stokum hold weekly office hours at times and locations that will be announced in your weekly discussion sections. Your professor and your section leader 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. 6:** Introduction to the course; The Legacy of the Second World War

**Sept. 8, 13, 15:** The Ideological Division of the World
   Keylor, *20th Century*, ch. 8, pp. 253-277
   Judge and Langdon, *The Cold War*, pp. 1-48

**Sept. 20, 22:** The Militarization of Containment
   Keylor, *20th Century*, ch 8, pp. 277-297; ch. 9, pp. 304-306

**Sept. 27, 29:** 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. 4, 6, 13:** The Far East: China, Korea, Indochina, Japan
   Keylor, *20th Century*, ch. 11, pp. 352-373
   Young et al., *The Vietnam War*, Chapter I.
Oct. 18: Latin America: From Chapultepec to Castro  
   Keylor, 20th Century, pp. 313-320; Judge & Langdon, pp. 101-103

Oct. 20: MID-TERM EXAMINATION (In class)

   Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 9, pp. 306-313, 317-322  

Oct. 27, Nov. 1: Détente between the two Europes and the two Superpowers  
   Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 10, pp. 323-344  

Nov. 3, 8, 10: The Far East, 1960-1990  
   Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 11, pp. 373-386; ch. 15, pp. 432-447  
   Young et al., The Vietnam War, Chapters 2-8

Nov. 15: Africa: The Challenges of Independence. ANALYTICAL PAPER  
   DUE IN LECTURE  
   Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 14, pp. 414-431; ch. 19, pp. 510-530

Nov. 17: Inter-American Relations after the Cuban Missile Crisis  
   Keylor, 20th Century, ch. 13, pp. 402-413; ch. 21, pp. 547-560

Nov. 22, 29: 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, 1, 6, 8, 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: Saturday, December 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

Sept. 6: Introduction; Organization of the Course; The Legacy of the Second World War
8: The Ideological Division of Europe, 1945-1949
13: The Ideological Division of Germany, 1945-1949
15: The Postwar Economic Order: From Bretton Woods to the Common Market
20: From Containment to Confrontation
22: Prospects for Peaceful Coexistence
27: The Middle East: From Palestine to Israel
29: The Middle East: The Arab World in Revolt

Oct. 4: The Rise of the People’s Republic of China
6: The Extension of the Cold War to the Far East
11: No class. Monday Schedule of Classes
13: The Recovery of Japan
18: Latin America: From Chapultepec to Castro
20: MID-TERM EXAMINATION
25: The Crisis Years of the Early Sixties
27: Challenges to the Bipolar World in the 1960s

Nov. 1: Ostpolitik and Détente in the Seventies
3: The Second War for Indochina, 1954-1975
8: China Turns to the West
10: Japan and the Newly Industrializing Countries of East Asia
15: Africa: The Challenges of Independence ANALYTICAL PAPER DUE IN LECTURE
17: Inter-American Relations after the Cuban Missile Crisis
22: The Middle East from Suez to Camp David
Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Recess
29: The Middle East from Camp David to “Desert Storm”

Dec. 1: The End of the Cold War
6: The 1990s: The Decade of Globalization
8: The International System of the Twenty-First Century

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