

Academic Year 2016-2017
Syllabus
History of International Relations
CFU 8
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Course Description

This course will cover the history of international relations in the second half of the twentieth century, with a focus on the issues raised by the intersection of the global Cold War and decolonization. Particular attention will be directed to the questions of U.S. foreign relations, human rights, and how rights regimes were affected by intersections of gender, race, and class. A focus will be constantly held on the post-Cold War global order.

Teaching Method

The course will adopt a transnational approach to the history of politics in the widest sense of the term, encompassing not only diplomacy and formal policy but the agency of grassroots groups and individuals in everyday life. It will combine lectures with readings, films, and discussion; students will be expected to analyze both primary and secondary sources. Students are expected to attend every class, be prepared to participate in discussion, and write a final paper on a class reading which they will present to the group.

Schedule of Topics

Topic 1	Origins and major themes of the Cold War
Topic 2	Communism: the Soviet Union, China, and international challenges
Topic 3	Globalization, Cold War endings, and world governance
Topic 4	Human Rights and New Social Movements
Topic 5	A Postcolonial World? Intersectionality, Migration, and new geopolitical networks

Textbook and Materials

A) Textbooks

- Mark Mazower, *Governing the World: The History of an Idea*, Penguin Books, 2013.
- Leffler and Westad, eds., *The Cambridge History of the Cold War, vol. 3 Endings*, Cambridge UP, 2010.

B) Further readings to be announced and made available for download

Assessment

Requirements for the course include:

- 1) attendance and participation (10%)
- 2) in-class presentations and discussion assigned readings (30%)
- 3) analytic essay on one class reading to be chosen in consultation with professor (50%)
- 4) final in-class oral presentation (10%)

Non-attending students are required to take the written test and will be assigned additional readings.

Office hours

TBA

NOTE: Since the course is provided for a limited number of students, **Erasmus and non-Global Governance students** who would like to attend this course and take this exam need to contact the Secretariat of Global Governance by e-mail global.governance@uniroma2.it for registration and sign the Code of Conduct.