



Syllabus
History and Civilization
CFU 12
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Course Description

General Module (Prof Angela Romano and Dr Aleksandra Komornicka): “International System(s): Politics, Economy, and Governance in the XX Century world” – 10 CFU

Special Module 1 (Prof Uzi Rabi): "States, Cultures and Identities: The Middle East Meets Europe" – 2 CFU

The course explores how the major political, economic, and social developments in Europe and the rest of the world shaped the governance of the international system from the late nineteenth century to the beginning of the twenty-first century.

The general module will consider the ways in which European countries intersected processes of nation building with imperial expansion in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia; explore the causes and consequences of the World Wars on the international system; analyse how Cold War and decolonization after 1945 redefined Europe’s place in the world and shaped new international relations; examine how globalization and the end of the Cold War changed the world order and morphed it into today’s system. In the conclusive part, the general module will offer a section dedicated to exploring the ever-changing relationship between religion(s) and international politics; the section will be led by guest lecturer Dr Jacopo Cellini.

The special module will zoom in on the case of the Middle East area, exploring diverse situations and the most recent developments in a comparative perspective, which will allow students to detect national peculiarities as well as regional commonalities.

Overall, the aim of the course is to familiarize students with the main events and interpretations of global and international history, as well as with the multi-layered nature of historical processes. Students will learn to detect how these layers intertwined and influenced one another and will discover the variety of approaches historians adopt to inquiry into the past.

General Module:

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Topic 1	Empires and colonialism 1870-1945
Topic 2	World orders and world wars 1870-1945
Topic 3	20 th century global governance: International Organizations (e.g. League of Nations; UN)
Topic 4	Pax Americana, divided Europe, and the Global Cold War
Topic 5	European reconstruction: regional blocs, integration and cooperation 1945–1989
Topic 6	The rise of the Global South
Topic 7	Interdependence, Globalization and Governance 1970–2000
Topic 8	Religion(s) and international politics: the ever-changing relationship

Teaching Method

The general module will be taught through a mix of lectures and seminars.

Lectures will present students with the main features of the international system and its evolution over time; they will explain key concepts, the unfolding of events and processes, and the forces driving change. Lectures will also highlight the most important actors shaping and/or challenging the international order at a given time, their role and goals, and their interactions. Student will be also familiarised with the main historiographical debates and learn that there are different interpretations and approaches that historians use to explain events and the causes behind them.

In the seminar sessions, students will be guided to put this knowledge to use: they will engage in work-in-group written assignments and small discussions, analyse specific case-studies, and exercise in analytical essay planning and writing. These seminar activities will help students to perform well at the exam.

Students are expected to attend every class and come to seminar sessions prepared for discussion.

Textbook and Materials

- Antony Best, Jussi M. Hanhimäki, Joseph A. Maiolo and Kirsten E. Schulze, *International History of the Twentieth Century and Beyond*, Routledge, 2014 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21)
- Catherine Schenk, *International Economic Relations since 1945*, Routledge, 2011 (Chapters 1 to 5)
- Matthew G. Stanard, *European Overseas Empire, 1879–1999: A Short History* (Chapters 1 and 2).

Additional materials for the section on Religion and for in-class seminars will be uploaded on the teaching platform in due time ahead of classes.

Special Module:
"States, Cultures and Identities: The Middle East Meets Europe"
Prof. Uzi Rabi

Topic 1	World War I: The Creation of a New Middle East
Topic 2	Revolutionary Regimes
Topic 3	The Gulf States – War, Oil and Politics
Topic 4	The "Arab Spring": A Dawn of a New Era?
Topic 5	Muslims in Europe: Multiculturalism and Terror
Topic 6	The "New Regionalism":

Teaching Method

This module reviews and analyses the central historical processes that have taken place in the Middle East over the past two centuries, particularly the interaction between internal processes and the effects of interactions between societies in the Middle East and the West. Moreover, the module will discuss the economic, political and cultural effects of the West on the region, reform efforts, Islamic and nationalist responses to domestic social crises, the rise of the territorial state following World War I, the revolutionary regimes and, finally, the emergence of a range of Islamic movements. The teaching method will be based on lectures combined with some reading materials which will provide the students with the necessary tools for understanding the geopolitical changes in the Middle East. Students are expected to attend every session and come prepared for an active discussion. Additionally, students will be requested on writing a final paper concerning one of the issues learned in class.

Textbook and Materials

- Lewis Bernard, *The Middle East: 2000 years of history from the rise of Christianity to the present day* (London: Phoenix, 1995)
- Wright Robin, "Islam, Democracy and the West", *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 71, No. 3 (Summer, 1992), pp. 131-145
- Van Nieuwenhuijze C. A. O., "Islam and the West: Worlds Apart? A Case of Interactive Sociocultural Dynamics", *Arabica*, Vol. 42, No. 3 (November 1995), pp. 380-403
- Worth Robert, *A Rage for Order: The Middle East in Turmoil* (New York: Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2016), pp. 61-95
- Rabi Uzi & Friedman Brandon, "Weaponizing Sectarianism in Iraq and Syria", *Orbis*, (April 2017), pp. 1-16.
- Rabi Uzi, *The Return of the Past: State, Identity, and Society in the Post-Arab Spring Middle East* (Maryland: Lexington Books, 2020).
- Robert P. Beschel Jr. and Tarik M. Yousef, "The Middle East and North Africa and Covid-19: Gearing up for the long haul", *Brookings*, (December 13, 2020) <https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/the-middle-east-and-north-africa-and-covid-19-gearing-up-for-the-long-haul/>

Assessment

Attending students

Notice that attendance is required from the very first lesson and you need to attend at least 80% of the course to be considered an attending student.

- Mid-term Exam (40%): written exam covering the topics examined in the General module until then. Students will choose one question from a given list, and will answer it using the knowledge acquired from the lectures, the textbooks and any other materials provided in class. Questions will be on broad topics and processes, not on specific events.
- Special module Essay (20%): written paper concerning one of the issues learned in class
- End-term Exam (20% + 20%): written exam on the first summer exam session and covering the remaining part of the General module. Students will answer two questions: one question from a given list dealing with the remaining part of the general module and one question from a given list about the section on Religions and International Relations. Students will answer them using the knowledge acquired from the lectures, the textbooks and any other materials provided in class. Questions will be on broad topics and processes, not on specific events.

Resits for attending students

Resitting the exam is allowed only for the Mid-Term exam and the End-term Exam; there are no second chances for the Special module Essay.

Resit will take place only on the second date of the summer exam session and only as follows:

- Attending students who fail the mid-term exam or refuse the grade of the mid-term exam will be allowed to re-sit the mid-term exam only on the second date of the summer exam session. They will be able to keep the results of end-term exam.
- Attending students who fail the end-term exam or refuse the grade of the end-term exam will be

allowed to re-sit the end-term exam only on the second date of the summer exam session. They will be able to keep the results of mid-term exam.

***Attention: You are allowed to refuse the Mid-Term or the End-term exam grade only if it is \leq 24/30.**

Losing the status of attending student:

(1): Attending students who failed both the mid-term exam and the end-term exam or refuse the grades they got at both will have to re-sit the exam as non-attending students. They will also lose the grade of the Special module Essay.

(2): Students who do not submit the Special module essay by the only deadline will lose their status of attending student. There is no second call or re-sit possibility for the special module

(3): Students who are absent on the day of the in-class mid-term exam will lose their status of attending student.

Losing the status of attending student means that:

- they will not write the essay for the special guest module/lose the grade if they already submitted
- they will have to sit the non-attending written exam for the whole H&C course on any of the regular exam sessions

Only in case of exceptional circumstances (e.g. illness, serious illness of a parent, bereavement) could a student be excused for absence on the day of the exam or for late submission of the Special module Essay. The exceptional circumstance shall be proved by means of a written certificate provided and signed by a third person in their professional capacity and attesting the situation. If the student is excused on the basis of the evidence s/he provided, s/he will be allowed to write the essay for the Special Module and to sit the end term exam; s/he will sit the Mid-term Exam on the second date of the summer exam session.

Non-attending students

Non-attending students will take one final written exam for the whole course. They shall contact the Professors who will indicate textbooks and materials for preparing the exam.

The written exam will present the students with three questions (two for the General module, one for the Special guest module); the student is required to answer all three questions to pass the exam.

PLAGIARISM:

Plagiarism is unacceptable and may result in a Fail. The Examinations Board will be notified of all attempts at fraud or plagiarism. When fraud or plagiarism has been established, the Examination Board may impose serious sanctions.

Plagiarism entails:

- The use of quotations that are not clearly marked by quotations marks and/or the source of which is not referenced;
- The creative use of cutting and pasting or rearranging the work of another person (a text or the part of a text, whole sentences or parts thereof, or rewritten parts of sentences), or translations of such works, from printed or internet sources.

- This is also true for copying or accepting the work of fellow students, or offering one's own work to fellow students. In other words: you are never allowed to take another person's ideas and pass them off as your own.

Self-test: Ask yourself: is all of my submission written by myself? If not so, did I indicate from where I took quotes or ideas? If the answer is "no" to both questions, you are committing plagiarism.

Office hours (by appointments) and contacts

For the general module and exams:

Dr Aleksandra Komornicka: Aleksandra.Komornicka@alumni.eui.eu

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For the special module and its essay:

Prof Uzi Rabi: by appointment uzirabi18@gmail.com

NOTE: If you are an **Erasmus or a non Global Governance student** who would like to attend one or more courses in the Global Governance programme, please be aware that, **before enrolling in the course**, you should have read the code of conduct and the procedural rules characterizing our programme. We assume that, if you enroll in the course, **you have read and accepted all Global Governance values and rules**. Notice that attendance is required from the very first lesson and you need to attend at least 80% of the course to be considered an attending student.