

Europe in the International System

The historical background

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The END of the COLD WAR



1989: Two different interpretations

End vs Winning the Cold War

- End the Cold War -> U.S. global dominance as earned right
- 1980s: **extreme version of US global leadership** by W. Kristol, R. Perle, P. Wolfowitz, D. Cheney et al. Use Teddy Roosevelt to advocate for US global leadership, for the sake of leadership itself.
- Rumsfeld' Old Europe
- As **neocon** -> leadership @ **G. W. Bush**, Wilson moral superiority + Teddy Roosevelt's right to intervene + 9/11 -> **Bush Doctrine & 2002 *National Security Strategy*** (right of 1st strike)
- 9.11 strong unanimous domestic response -> war on terror became new, defining focus @ U.S. FP (vs anticommunism during the Cold War) -> AFG (2001); Iraq (2003-2011)

1990s: End of Cold War



Dec 1989: EU Council @Strasbourg approves **GER reunification (1990)** & more integrated EEC

1990: IGCs for treaty reforms convened -> **Maastricht Treaty 1992** (creation of EU, Euro, CFSP)-> Thatcher defeated



1990: invasion of Kuwait -> **1st Gulf War**: Europeans divided (Thatcher vs the rest) -> division over EU foreign policy to be. (US & more pro-NATO member states vs @WEU merging w/ EU)

1991: USSR disintegrates

1991: end of Warsaw Pact and Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Comecon) @Eastern Europe -> CEECs want to join EEC



1991: disintegration of the former Yugoslavia & begin of war
1992: “forum of consultation” @NATO, w/ CEECs, but not Russia

Maastricht Treaty 1992

- Creates the European Union
- Establishes path for economic and monetary union
- Based on 3 Pillars (EEC, CSFP, HJA)

CSFP:

- EPC->Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
- WEU closely associated w/CFSP, as bridge to NATO
- Council of Ministers at helm of day-to-day CFSP
- European Council institutionalized charged w/ big decisions @CFSP
- Presidency to represent EU @CFSP matters
- No budget (!) for CSFP



Questions to think about:

- Which factors lead to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the subsequent end of the Communist regimes in Eastern Europe?
- How did the EEC react to the end of the Communist regimes in Eastern Europe?
- Which were the hopes and the fears in Western Europe after the Fall of the Berlin Wall?
- What happened to Germany after the fall of the Berlin Wall?
- What happened to the USSR after the end of the Communist Regime?