



Academic Year 2022-2023

Syllabus

Course: Europe in a Global World (Global history)

CFU 6

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Course Description

The course will investigate some of the main features of global governance in a historical perspective, considering its evolution in the period 1945–2008 – from the aftermath of World War 2 to the global financial and economic crisis of 2008. The course aims at providing some of the factual grounding and conceptual apparatus necessary to better understand the contemporary world's governance and its challenges.

It will present students with the onset, changes, and evolution of the international arrangements made to govern political and economic relations (e.g.: international organizations, international regimes and agreements, regional organizations). In so doing, the course will constantly highlight the visions and interests shaping the global governance along its evolution, and bring to the fore the key actors imposing, shaping or challenging the governance rules and structures.

In this endeavour, the course will therefore address the question of the role of Western Europe in the changing and globalizing world and will thus qualify its place in the development of hegemonic powers and alternative visions of how to run the world politically and economically. In addition to the obvious Cold War hegemons that shaped the post-1945 global governance (USA and USSR), the course will shed light on the last 40 years' process that projected the People's Republic of China (PRC) to the current economic and political superpower, exploring the evolution of its relationships with Europe, Asia and the global governance institutions.

Schedule of Topics

Topic 1	Post-1945 internationalism: the UN
Topic 2	Post-1945 political order: Bipolarism, Cold War and global implications
Topic 3	Post-1945 economic order(s): Capitalism – Bretton Woods, IMF, World Bank
Topic 5	Post-1945 economic order(s): Socialism – Comecon and socialist globalization
Topic 6	Post-1945 economic order(s): the North/South confrontation – UNCTAD, NIEO; G77; G7
Topic 7	The post-Bretton Woods economic order
Topic 8	The rise of China
Topic 9	China and Europe: legacies and evolution
Topic 10	China in the global economic governance
Topic 11	China in the global political governance

Textbooks and Material (to be confirmed)

A) Textbooks

- Mark Mazower, *Governing the World: The History of an Idea*, Penguin Books, 2013.
- Catherine Schenk, *International Economic Relations since 1945*, Routledge, 2011.
- Odd Arne Westad, *Restless Empire: China and the World since 1750*, Penguin Books, 2012.

- James Reilly, *Orchestration. China's Economic Statecraft Across Asia and Europe*, Oxford UP, 2021.
- Shaun Breslin, *China Risen? Studying Chinese Global Power*, Bristol UP, 2021.

B) Further specific readings will be made available during the course on the DIDA platform. You are required to register on DIDA to get access to materials.

Teaching Method

The course will combine lectures with seminar activities. Lectures will provide the students with the necessary information and reading guidelines of the phenomena under scrutiny, while seminars will see students critically engaging with this knowledge and promoting/participating in class debates. Students are expected and required to attend every class, come prepared to classes, and participate in discussions.

Seminars include in-class assessed presentations and a final debate:

- Assessed individual presentation Each student will give one individual assessed presentation in which they shall critically assess the content and argument of a chosen reading from a given list and introduce related questions for class discussion.
- Assessed group presentation: small groups (4 or 5); instructions and topic(s) to be communicated at the beginning of the course.
- Final debate: the last class of the course is a final debate. Each student shall participate in it, offering their critical arguments on the topics of discussions on the base of all they learned throughout the course and via the previous assessed tasks. Key debate questions will be pre-circulated by the professors.

Assessment

Attending students*:

- In-class individual presentation (50%)
- In-class group presentation (35%)
- Participation in the final in-class discussion (15%)

*There is no final exam.

Non-attending students:

- oral exam (100%).

Non-attending students shall contact both Prof Romano and Prof Zanier (together in a single email) well ahead of the exam date to receive instructions on textbooks and materials for preparing the oral exam.

Office hours

On appointment. To book an appointment or ask specific questions about any aspects of the course, please contact us:

- Prof Angela Romano: angela.romano@eui.eu
- Prof Valeria Zanier: valeria.zanier@gmail.com

You may email us whenever you want. However, do not expect us to check emails and reply on evenings and during weekends (that is, outside regular working hours).

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.