



Academic Year 2021-2022

Syllabus

Course: 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).

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, it will present 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 – the United States and the Soviet Union – that shaped the post-1945 global governance, the course will shed light on the historical reasons that over the last 40 years projected the People's Republic of China (PRC) to become the current economic and political superpower.

### Schedule of Topics

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

### Textbooks and Material

#### 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.
- Jeffrey Frieden, *Global Capitalism: Its Fall and Rise in the Twentieth Century*, W. W. Norton & Co, 2006.

#### B) Further specific readings – in particular for assessed presentations – will be made available during the course on the DIDA platform. You are required to register in order 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 discussion of assigned readings, and a final debate (see “Assesment” for %).

- Assessed presentations: Each student will give 2 individual assessed presentations (one for Prof- Romano’s part of the course, the other for Dr Pachetti’s part of the course) in which they shall critically assess the content and argument of a chosen reading from a given list and introduce related questions to the class for discussion.
- Final debate: each student shall participate in the final debate, 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.

## Assessment

### Attending students:

- In-class presentation no.1 on assigned readings Prof Romano (40%)
- In-class presentation no.2 on assigned readings Dr Pachetti (40%)
- Participation in the final in-class discussion (20%)

There is no final exam.

### Non-attending students:

- oral exam (100%).

Non-attending students shall contact Prof Romano and Dr Pachetti (together in a single email) well ahead of the exam date in order 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:

Dr Federico Pachetti: [pachetti.federico@libero.it](mailto:pachetti.federico@libero.it)

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Do not expect us to reply to emails during weekends.