

## **Junior Research Seminar: The Global Cold War**

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History 395 / Fall 2012

### **Course theme**

How did the rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union spill over into a political, economic, and military confrontation affecting the entire planet? Our course will investigate case studies in embattled countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America from the 1940s to the 1980s.

### **Course objective**

This course is specifically designed to prepare you to write semester-long research papers in the future. The emphasis here is on developing historical narratives from large quantities of primary source documents. History majors tend to get a lot of practice reading individual primary sources, but they find it more challenging to draw these sources into a historical argument. In this course, you will be able to choose among a series of “pre-packaged” research scenarios. Your job is to develop a clear thesis for each scenario and argue it through on the basis of the evidence at hand.

Because this is a writing-intensive course, you will be submitting first drafts of the two shorter papers so that you will have the opportunity to receive feedback and improve your work accordingly.

### **Course requirements**

*First paper* (25% of course grade). This paper must be a minimum of 2,000 words in length (approximately 7-8 double-spaced pages), not counting the bibliography.

*Second paper* (as above: 25% of course grade). As above.

*Third paper* (30% of course grade). This paper should be a minimum of 3,000 words in length (approximately 10-12 double-spaced pages). Because it is due at semester’s end, you will not need to submit a rough draft.

*Participation* (20% of course grade). This is a small-class environment, and it is essential that you join in classroom discussions. Occasional reading quizzes will also factor into your participation grade.

### **Course readings**

There is only one textbook for this course, so please buy it. The book is:

Edward H. Judge and John W. Langdon, *The Cold War: A Global History with Documents*, 2nd ed. (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 2011). ISBN-13: 978-0205729111. Currently \$54.83 on amazon. Please do not buy the first edition, which dates all the way back to 1999!!

In addition, we will have required article readings assigned for many of our class sessions. These will be accessible at no cost via your Purdue library account.

### **Course policies**

Attendance is essential. You are allowed three unexcused absences; after that, each absence will be counted against your participation grade. It is not my job to “approve” absences one way or another, but if

you expect to be representing the university in an official capacity (sports, band, etc.), please let me know in advance.

Common courtesy suggests that you should arrive on time. If you must leave early, please inform us ahead of time and then raise your hand at the appropriate time. A lecture is not the same thing as a television viewing! Your coming and going may represent a significant distraction.

Late papers, whether drafts or final versions, will be marked down one full letter grade per day.

Academic integrity: The assignments in this course require you to formulate complex thoughts in your own words. Attempts to pass off another's words as your own – be it on an exam or in your written work – will carry harsh penalties. Plagiarized papers will earn a “zero” for the assignment and may lead to further consequences, including notification of the Dean of Students Office. The “University Regulations” handbook contains further information on dishonesty.

Disclaimer: In the event of a major campus emergency, the above requirements, deadlines and grading policies are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar. Any such changes in this course will be posted, once the course resumes, on the course website or can be obtained by contacting the instructor via email or phone.

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## Course Schedule

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Class Topic</b>  | <b>Prepare for class</b>                                     |
|-------------|---|--|
| Aug. 21     | Introduction: Writing the Cold War                                |  |
| Aug. 23     | Cold War origins: Iran, Greece, Turkey                            | J & L, 1-59; Docs 1-10                                       |
| Aug. 28     | The Battle for Germany  | J & L, 60-73; Docs 11-15                                     |
| Aug. 30     | Documents & narratives  |  |
| Sept. 4     | Mao's triumph in China  | J & L, 74-85; Docs 16-21                                     |
| Sept. 6     | The Korean War  | J & L, 86-99; Doc 22   |
| Sept. 11    | Dulles and "rollback"   | J & L, 100-116; Docs 23-25<br>Streeter article               |
| Sept. 13    | Iran 1953: The Fall of Mossadegh                                  | Mokhtari article   |
| Sept. 18    | Film: <i>The Quiet American</i>                                   |  |
| Sept. 20    | Film: <i>The Quiet American</i>                                   |  |
|             | [DRAFTS OF FIRST PAPERS DUE: MONDAY, SEPT. 24]                    |  |
| Sept. 25    | Bandung and the Non-Aligned Movement                              | J & L, Docs 26-29<br>Parker article                          |
| Sept. 27    | Modernization: India, Egypt, Ghana                                | J & L, Docs 30-32<br>Latham, Chap 3                          |
| Oct. 2      | Decolonization and the Cold War                                   | Gray, Intro & Chap 4<br>Matusevich article                   |
| Oct. 4      | The Congo Crisis<br>[FINAL VERSIONS OF FIRST PAPERS DUE IN CLASS] | J & L, Docs 34-38<br>Mazov article                           |
| Oct. 9      | OCTOBER BREAK   |  |
| Oct. 11     | Kennedy and the "Alliance for Progress"                           | J & L, 117-135; Docs 39-40<br>Field article                  |
| Oct. 16     | Khrushchev and Castro   | J & L, 136-156; Docs 41-45                                   |
| Oct. 18     | Johnson's escalation in Vietnam                                   | J & L, 157-175; Docs 46-49<br>Preston & Schulzinger chapters |

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| Oct. 23 | Setbacks for Moscow   | Easter article                              |
| Oct. 25 | The Soviets and the Six-Day War   | Ro'i chapter                                |
|         | [DRAFTS OF SECOND PAPERS DUE: MONDAY, OCT. 29]                                |   |
| Oct. 30 | The China card  | J & L, 176-191; Docs 50-56                  |
| Nov. 1  | Détente in Europe   | J & L, 192-206; Docs 57-62                  |
| Nov. 6  | Nixon and Allende   | Lawrence chapter<br>Haslam, Conclusion      |
| Nov. 8  | Moscow's advances in Africa<br>[FINAL VERSIONS OF SECOND PAPERS DUE IN CLASS] | J & L, 207-222<br>Westad, Chap 7            |
| Nov. 13 | Carter's human rights agenda  | J & L, Docs 63-66<br>Schmitz/Walker article |
| Nov. 15 | The "Second Cold War"   | J & L, 223-237; Docs 67-76                  |
| Nov. 20 | Nicaragua & El Salvador   | Brands, Chap 7                              |
| Nov. 22 | THANKSGIVING  |   |
| Nov. 27 | Film: <i>Charlie Wilson's War</i>   |   |
| Nov. 29 | Film: <i>Charlie Wilson's War</i>   |   |
| Dec. 4  | Gorbachev   | J & L, 238-251; Docs 77-81                  |
| Dec. 6  | Winding Down  | J & L, 252-276; Docs 82-90                  |
| Dec. 14 | [THIRD PAPERS DUE]  |   |