

History 421 – Spring 2010
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****Tentative Syllabus****

EUROPEAN

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE 1914

Class 1: Introduction: The Problem of Sovereignty and the Great Power System
Reading: Kissinger chaps. 3-6.

Class 2: The Origins of World War I, 1871-1914

Class 3: Bloodbath: A “Technological Surprise” and Total War, 1914-1916

Reading: Kissinger chap. 7; Gilbert chaps. 1-2.

Class 4: War to End War: Wilson, Lenin, and the Clash of Ideologies, 1917-1918

Class 5: A Broken World: Legacies of the Great War

Reading: Kissinger chap. 8; Gilbert chap. 3.

Class 6: Versailles: The Despised Peace, 1919

Class 7: The Western Powers and the Russian Civil War, 1918-1923

Reading: Kissinger, chap. 9; Gilbert, chap. 4.

Class 8: Revolt Against Versailles: Reparations, War Debts, and France’s Triple Crisis, 1919-1923

Class 9: *Ruhrkampf*: Desperation, Exhaustion, and Reconciliation At Last, 1919-1925

Reading: Kissinger chap. 10; Gilbert chap. 5.

Class 10: Locarno Diplomacy: Hopeful Years Resting on Paper Money and Treaties, 1925-1929

Class 11: Economic Blizzard: The Politics of Depression, 1929-1933

Reading: Kissinger chap 11; Gilbert chap. 6.

Class 12: Fascist Revolutions and End of Versailles, 1933-1936 ((1st ESSAY DUE TODAY!))

Class 13: Detering the Past: British Appeasement of Hitler, 1936-1938

Reading: Kissinger chap. 12; Gilbert chap. 7.

Class 14: Technology and Geopolitics on the Eve of a Second World War

Class 15: *Blitzkrieg!* The Last European War, 1939-1941

Reading: Kissinger chaps. 13-14.

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Class 16: Diplomacy of the Grand (or Strange) Alliance, 1941-1945

Class 17: Another Despised Peace: Origins of the Cold War, 1945-1946

Reading: Kissinger chaps. 15-16; Gilbert chap. 8.

Class 18: Germany and Europe Divided: Origins of the Atlantic Community, 1946-50

Class 19: From Korea to Suez: Origins of the European Community, 1950-1957

Reading: Kissinger chaps. 17-20; Gilbert chap. 9.

Class 20: Khrushchev, Sputnik, and Total Cold War, 1956-1961

Class 21: Europe In Search of a Role: The Welfare State, NATO, and Decolonization c. 1960

Reading: Kissinger chaps. 21-23; Gilbert chap. 10.

Class 22: Vietnam, the Chinese Threat, and the Brezhnev Doctrine: Superpowers in Crisis, 1961-68

Class 23: Détente, the Failed Experiment, 1969-1980

Reading: Kissinger chap. 24; Gilbert chaps. 11-12.

Class 24: Palimpsests of Freedom: Soviet Sclerosis and the Dream of a European Union, 1981-86

Class 25: "Europe Whole and Free": the Stunning Collapse of the Soviet Bloc, 1986-1991

Reading: Kissinger chaps. 28-29; Gilbert chap. 13.

Class 26: The European Union in a New World Order, 1991-2001 ((2nd ESSAY DUE TODAY!))

Reading: Kissinger chaps. 30-31; Gilbert chaps. 14-16.

Required Textbooks – Available at the Penn Book Center, 34th Street and Sansome:

Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy* (Simon & Schuster)

Felix Gilbert & David Clay Large, *The End of the European Era 1890 to the Present*, 5 ed. (Norton)

Optional Articles Relevant to Essay Assignments – Available on Blackboard Site:

1. Fritz Fischer, "German War Aims 1914-1918" in *War Aims and Strategic Policy in the Great War 1914-1918* (1977)
2. Walter A. McDougall, "French War Aims on the Eastern Frontier," in *France's Rhineland Diplomacy, 1914-1924* (1978)
3. William R. Keylor, "Versailles and International Diplomacy," in *The Treaty of Versailles: A Reassessment* (1998)
4. Arno J. Mayer, "The Problems of Peacemaking," in *European Diplomacy Between Two Wars, 1919-1939* (1972)
5. Theodore H. Von Laue, "Soviet Diplomacy: G. V. Chicherin," in *The Diplomats 1919-1939* (1953)
6. Annelise Thimme, "Stresemann and Locarno," in *European Diplomacy Between Two Wars* (1972)
7. Ian Kershaw, "Nazi Foreign Policy," in *The Nazi Dictatorship: Problems and Perspectives of Interpretation*, 4 ed. (2000)
8. D.C. Watt, "Reluctant Warriors," in *Too Serious a Business: European Armed Forces and the Second World War* (1975)
9. Gerhard Weinberg, "The 'Final Solution' and the War in 1943," in *Germany, Hitler, and World War II* (1995)
10. Geir Lundestad, "Empire by Invitation? The U.S. and Western Europe, 1945-1952," in *The Cold War in Europe* (1991)
11. Ronald J. Granieri, "The Chancellor and His Allies," in *The Ambivalent Alliance* (2003)
12. William I. Hitchcock, "Winds of Change: The End of the European Empires," in *The Struggle for Europe* (2003)
13. Marc Trachtenberg, "The Berlin Crisis," in *History and Strategy* (1991)
14. Frank Costigliola, "Kennedy, DeGaulle, and the Challenge of Consultation," in *DeGaulle and the United States* (1994)
15. Mark Kramer, "The Czechoslovak Crisis and the Brezhnev Doctrine," in *1968: The World Transformed* (1998)
16. Gottfried Niedhart, "Ostpolitik: The Role of Germany in the Process of Détente," in *1968: A World Transformed* (1998)
17. John Lewis Gaddis, "Elements of Stability," in *The Long Peace: Inquiries into the History of the Cold War* (1987)
18. William I. Hitchcock, "The European Revolutions 1989-1991," in *The Struggle for Europe* (2003)
19. Walter A. McDougall, "Will Europe Survive the Twenty-First Century?" *Foreign Policy Research Institute Essay* (2007)