

International History

Academic year 2019-2020

Foreign Policies of Major Powers

HI038 - Autumn - 6 ECTS

Tuesday 10h15 - 12h00

Course Description

This course is designed to review and analyze, leading puzzles on foreign policy, based on the substance of foreign policies of major countries in the present time and the recent past. The objective is to develop analytical skills to use when confronting new foreign policy puzzles. Much emphasis will be given in this course to the relevance of foreign policy scholarship to understanding real-world, contemporary world affairs. It is important that students make themselves aware of what is happening in the world. Exams. There will be two exams each semester in this course. Each is a take-home exam that will require extensive use of the course readings. Class participation (including class interaction and attendance) counts for 15% of the final grade.

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Syllabus

Two take-home exams and active participation which counts for 15% of the final grade.

COURSE OUTLINE AND ASSIGNED READINGS

INTRODUCTION

HOW TO EXAMINE FOREIGN POLICY

1. British Foreign Policy: The Three Circle Theory in practice

Historical Legacy

Globalism and Europe

The Thatcher Revolution

The Labour Third Way

Britain and the Iraq war

2. French Foreign Policy: The Quest for Grandeur
The Legacy of the French Revolution: Three Rs
The Rise of Gaullism
France and Europe
France between the Superpowers
France and post-Cold War Quest for Multipolar World

3. German Foreign Policy: Where is Germany?
The German Problem Reconsidered
Sovereignty through European Integration
The Foreign Policy of Dependence
The *Ostpolitik* and the End of the Cold War
United Germany and the Transatlantic Ties

4. The US Foreign Policy: towards the unipolar World?
Self-Image and Foreign Policy
Domestic Politics and Foreign Relations
The US and the Cold War
The War against Terror

5. Chinese Foreign Policy: Do they have a foreign policy?
The Middle Kingdom Complex
The PRC Policy making principles
The Decision-Making Process
China and the Post-Cold War World

6. Japanese Foreign Policy: Yen Diplomacy ending?
The Asian Special Path
The Occupation and its impact
The Foreign policy principle of post-war Japan
The Decision making process
Japan faces the Post Cold War world

7. Foreign Policy of the European Union
What is Common Security and Foreign Policy?
How EU engages in external relations
Institutional mechanisms

There is a reader compiled by the professor, available from the library for purchase.

Basic Readings: (books with* will be on reserve)

*Calleo, David, The German Problem Reconsidered

----*Rethinking Europe's Future

___The Unipolar Folly, Cambridge UP, 2009

*Carver, John, Foreign relations of the People's republic of China

Dehio, Ludwig, The Precarious Balance, A Knopf, 1962

DePorte, Anton, Europe between the Superpowers, 1979, Yale University Press

*Daalder, Ivo James M Lindsay, America Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy

*Davis, Jacquelyn K, Reluctant allies & [and] competitive partners : U.S.-French at the breaking point?

*Hook, Glenn D, Japan's International Relations

*Hoffmann, Stanley, In Search of France

Keohane, Robert O et al, After the Cold War : international institutions and state strategies in Europe, 1989-1991

*Kagan, Robert, Of Paradise and Power

Kawashima, Yutaka, Japanese Foreign Policy at the Crossroads: Challenges and Options for the Twenty-First Century

Kennedy, Paul, Rise and Fall of Great Powers

*Kissinger, Henry, Diplomacy

*Lampton, David, The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy in the Era of Reform, 1978-2000

Rice, Condoleeza et al, Germany United and Europe Transformed

Steel, Ronald, Walter Lippman and the American Century

A J P Taylor, The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1948, London

Karel van Wolferen, The Enigma of Japanese Power. 1990, Vintage Book, NY

*Young, Hugo. This Blessed Plot, Britain and Europe from Churchill to Blair

*White, Brian, Understanding European Foreign Policy

Lanxin Xiang, The origins of the Boxer War, Francis Taylor, London, 2003

----Recasting the Imperial Far East, Britain and America in China 1945-1950, M.E Sharpe, New York

---Mao's Generals, MD 1998

----Washington's Misguided China Policy, Survival, April 2001

----China's Eurasian Experiment, Survival, June 2004

-----Traumatic Legacies in Japan and China—an exchange between Lanxin Xiang and Japanese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Akira Chiba, Survival, June 2005

-----Is Germany in the West or Central Europe, Orbis, Philadelphia, June 1992

-----The EU Common Strategy for China?, International Spectator, Rome, November 2000

-----The Civilization Debate and China Debate, Issues and Studies, 1998, Special Issue

“Washington's Misguided China Policy”

---Why Washington Can't Speak Chinese? Washington Post, April 16, 2005

Survival, June 2005

---Lanxin Xiang on Henry Kissinger, Survival, August-September 2011

---China and the “Pivot”, Survival, August 2012