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.

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
*DePorte, Anton, Europe between the Superpowers, 1979, Yale University Press
*Davies, 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
*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
Rice, Condoleezza et al, Germany United and Europe Transformed
Steel, Ronald, Walter Lippman and the American Century
*Young, Hugo. This Blessed Plot, Britain and Europe from Churchill to Blair
*White, Brian, Understanding European Foreign Policy
----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
“Washington’s Misguided China Policy”
Survival, June 2005
---Lanxin Xiang on Henry Kissinger, Survival, August-September 2011
---China and the “Pivot”, Survival, August 2012