International History

Academic year 2019-2020

Transatlantic Relations since 1945

HI094 - Autumn - 6 ECTS

Wednesday 14h15 - 16h00

Course Description

This course examines the cultural, economic, political and security aspects of the American-West European relationship since the end of the Second World War. Within the context of broader international developments from the end of World War II to the post-Cold War era, the course will explore the patterns of co-operation, competition, and conflict that have characterized the transatlantic relationship.

Syllabus (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

REQUIREMENTS

The seminar will be designed around weekly readings (articles, chapters of monographs, and documents) on specific themes (indicated below). Active participation and engagement are indispensable for students attending this seminar.

A DETAILED WEEKLY READING LIST WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SEMINAR.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:

- A research paper on a specific theme issue on transatlantic relations; 3-4,000 words (footnotes included). 40% of the final grade.
- A document exercise (details to come): 20% of the final grade
- Each student will act as a commentator of 1-2 texts from the weekly readings. This will hold 20% of the final grade
- Active class participation will constitute 20% of the final grade.
DEADLINES:

Document exercise (details to come) must be submitted by October 30, 2019
Paper drafts including a summary/abstract of the final paper, key research questions and list of sources must be submitted by November 20, 2019
Final papers must be submitted by December 18, 2019

OUTLINE OF TOPICS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SEPTEMBER 18 INTRODUCTION
SEPTEMBER 25 THE LONG DUREE
OCTOBER 2 DIVISION OF EUROPE
OCTOBER 9 UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION I
OCTOBER 16 THE END OF EMPIRE
OCTOBER 23 OUT OF AREA, OUT OF SYNC
OCTOBER 30 CULTURAL COLD WAR, COLD WAR CULTURE
NOVEMBER 6 NATO, DEMOCRACY AND DÉTENTE
NOVEMBER 13 UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION II
NOVEMBER 20 VICTORY? END OF THE COLD WAR
NOVEMBER 27 NATO FOREVER?
DECEMBER 4 GLOBALIZATION AND INTEGRATION
DECEMBER 11 POPULIST CHALLENGES
DECEMBER 18 CONCLUSIONS
Key texts/background readings (useful for most topics)

Mary Nolan, *The Transatlantic Century: Europe and America, 1890 – 2010*

Jussi Hanhimäki, Benedikt Schoenborn and Barbara Zanchetta, *Transatlantic Relations since 1945: An Introduction*

Geir Lundestad, *United States and Western Europe: From Empire by Invitation to Transatlantic Drift*


NB: A detailed weekly reading list will be provided at the beginning of the course