

## Global Politics in the Twentieth Century

HIST 206-03

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### Required texts

William R. Keylor, *The Twentieth-Century World* (bookstore)

Extract from Christopher Read, *The Making and Breaking of the Soviet System* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2001) -- Artistic.

### Course evaluation

Midterm exam	20%	(Thursday, October 23)
Paper	20%	(due Sunday, December 14)
Final exam	30%	(Tuesday, December 30, 11:00-1:00)
Quizzes	20%	(at the end of most weeks; cover readings and lectures)
Class participation	10%	

### Objectives

The objective of the course is to present the main themes and events of the history of global politics in the twentieth century, and also to introduce the historiography of the period by looking at various debates amongst historians. "Global" means events that concerned much of the world, not just single countries. Individual regions are surveyed at the end of the course.

### Comments

- Lectures will assume that you have done the assigned readings, and so it is *essential* that you keep up with the reading and come to class. The final grade will reflect class attendance (which includes arriving on time) and participation once you have arrived. More than three weeks of absence (for any reason, including illness etc.) may result in an F.
- Lectures will cover some of the material in the readings, but will also cover new material. *You are expected to take useful notes.*
- The new university policy on cheating and plagiarism applies in this class.
- Make-ups for exams will be given only in case of documented illness or emergency, at the entire discretion of the course instructor. There are no make-ups for the quizzes, but your worst two quiz results will be ignored when calculating the final grade.
- Any changes to assignments, times, dates, etc. will be announced in class. It is your responsibility to make sure that you learn of any such announcement which might have been made during a class you miss.

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**Schedule and Reading Assignments**

**I: Europe's World**

**Week 1, 7 September: The World in 1900**

Prologue to p. 13

**Week 2, 14 September: Destabilization**

Prologue from p. 13 to end

**Week 3, 21 September: Sarajevo & Total War**

Chapter 1

**II: The World Contested**

**Week 4, 28 September: A New World**

Chapter 2; Read, *Making and Breaking*, chapter 5

*Thursday October 2 is last day to drop courses without WP/WF*

**Week 5, 5 October: Fascism**

Chapters 4 & 6

**Week 6, 12 October: World War**

Chapter 5 & chapter 7

**Initial Conclusions**

**Week 7, 19 October: Revision & Mid-term**

No reading

*Mid-term is on Thursday October 23*

**III: The Cold War**

**Week 8, 26 October: Confrontation**

Chapters 8 & 9

*Ramadan schedule*

**Week 9, 02 November: The Cold War in Asia**

Chapter 11

**Week 10, 09 November: The end of the Cold War**

Chapter 10 to p. 340 & chapter 16

#### **IV: Monopolarity**

##### **Week 11, 16 November: Modern Asia**

Chapters 15 & 18

*Whole week starting 23 November is holiday*

##### **Week 12, 30 November: Modern Europe**

Chapter 17

*Sunday is deadline to drop courses*

##### **Week 13, 7 December: Modern Africa and Latin America**

Chapters 19 and 21. Chapters 13 and 14 are optional.

**\* \* \* Paper is about to be due** (on Sunday December 14)

##### **Week 14, 14 December: The Modern Middle East**

Chapter 12 from p. 388 to end & chapter 20

**\* \* \* Paper is due** Sunday December 14

#### **Final Conclusions**

##### **Week 15, 21 December: Revision**

No reading

*Two days only: Tuesday is last day of classes.*