

European Studies (2021.2-2021.6)

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Overview

This course explores selected topics in European politics and international relations, including the rise of modern states, revolutions, international orders, alliance politics, geopolitics, military strategies, strategic competition, reforms, integrations, democratization, foreign policy, and sovereignty. Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions. Through their oral and written presentations, they are expected to be able to understand broad themes in European politics/international relations.

Grading

Participation (30%)

- All students must do the required readings each week BEFORE the class begins.
- Based upon a list of three questions provided by the instructor, each student is expected to address these questions in logically coherent ways. Students can use laptop and/or dictionaries in preparation for their answers. The instructor will select students' answers on a random basis, provide comments and critiques in class, and have Q&A with students.
- Students are encouraged to ask questions, when other students give presentations of research proposals/research papers. They will be rewarded in terms of the quality of their questions. The participation grade, however, will not exceed 30% of the whole grade.

Research Proposal (2000 word limit) (30%)

- One research proposal **due the class meeting of the eighth week (17:00).**
- The paper topic should be directly connected to one of the themes covered in the syllabus.
- The paper should be a comparative case study (involving more than one European country/institution), which examines a broad theme in European politics/international relations.
- Students must demonstrate that they are sufficiently familiar with scholarly arguments and empirical evidence mentioned in the required readings.
- Students are required to present their research proposals. They are expected to answer questions from other students and/or the instructor. Performance is evaluated by BOTH the written work AND the oral defense.
- Students are encouraged to ask for more Recommended Readings when a topic is available.

Research Paper (4000 word limit) (40%)

- Term paper **due the class meeting of the fifteenth week (17:00).**

- Students must demonstrate that they are sufficiently familiar with scholarly arguments and empirical evidence mentioned in the readings.
- Students are required to present their research papers. They are expected to answer questions from other students and/or the instructor. Performance is evaluated by BOTH the written work AND the oral defense.
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Paper topics that overlap papers done for other courses are not acceptable. In any of the cases above, a student will receive “Fail” as the grade of his/her research paper.

Requirements

- Students are required to hand in their own work—an electronic copy via e-mail—to the TA.
- Extensions will NOT be granted except in case of emergency and in all cases require a note from the university’s administration or your health care provider.
- A research proposal/research paper must follow regulations in the “Course Paper Guide Book”. A research proposal/research paper will be penalized if it does not follow rules in the guide book.

Course Schedule

Week 1 (2/25): The Rise of Modern States in Europe

Required Readings:

- Charles Tilly, “War Making and State Making as Organized Crime,” in Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol eds., *Bringing the State Back In*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985, pp.169-191.
- Jack S. Levy, *War in the Modern Great Power System: 1495-1975*, Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1983, pp.8-49.
- Barry Posen, “Nationalism, the Mass Army, and Military Power,” *International Security*, Vol.18, No.2, 1993, pp.80-124.

Week 2 (3/4): Revolutions in Europe

- Mlada Bukovansky, *Legitimacy and Power Politics: The American and French Revolutions in International Political Culture*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002, pp.165-210.
- Thomas Nipperdey, *Germany from Napoleon to Bismarck, 1800-1866*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993, pp.527-598.
- Boris Kagarlitsky, *Empire of the Periphery Russia and the World System*, Pluto Press, 2008, pp.255-282.

Week 3 (3/11): Alliances: Europe before WWI

Required Readings:

- Paul W. Schroeder, “Alliances, 1815-1945: Weapons of Power and Tools of Management,” in Klaus Knorr ed., *Historical Dimensions of National Security*, Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1976, pp.227-262.
- Thomas J. Christensen and Jack Snyder, “Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks: Predicting Alliance Patterns in Multipolarity,” *International Organization*, Vol.44, No.2, 1990, pp.137-168.
- James Joll and Gordon Martel, *The Origins of the First World War*, London: Pearson, 2007, pp.49-86.

Week 4 (3/18): Geopolitics: Europe between World Wars

Required Readings:

- Anthony Adamthwaite, *France and the Coming of the Second World War, 1936-1939*, London: Frank Cass, 1977, pp.17-36, 159-192.
- Timothy W. Crawford, “Powers of Division: From the Anti-Comintern to the Nazi-Soviet and Japanese-Soviet Pacts, 1936-1941,” in Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, Norrin M. Ripsman, and Steven E. Lobell, eds., *The Challenge of Grand Strategy: The Great Powers and the Broken Balance between the World Wars*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012, pp.246-278.
- Geoffrey Roberts, “Stalin and the Outbreak of the Second World War,” in F. McDonough, ed., *The Origins of the Second World War*, London: Continuum Books, 2011, pp.409-428.

Week 5 (3/25): Military Strategies: Europe during WWII

Required Readings:

- David French, “British Military Strategy,” in John Ferris, and Evan Mawdsley eds., *The Cambridge History of the Second World War*, Volume 1, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015, pp.28-50.
- Gerhard L. Weinberg, “German Strategy, 1939–1945,” in John Ferris and Evan Mawdsley eds., *The Cambridge History of the Second World War*, Volume 1, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015, pp.107-131.
- Bruce W. Menning and Johnathan House, “Soviet Strategy,” in John Ferris and Evan Mawdsley eds., *The Cambridge History of the Second World War*, Volume 1, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015, pp.213-244.

Week 6 (4/1): Strategic Competitions: The Cold War in Europe

Required Readings:

- John Lewis Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment: A Critical Appraisal of American National Security Policy during the Cold War*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, pp.24-52.
- Vojtech Mastny, “NATO in the Beholder’s Eye: Soviet Perceptions and Policies, 1949-1956,” *Cold War International History Project, Working Paper*, No. 35, 2002.
- Joshua R. Itzkowitz Shiffrin, “Deal or No Deal: The End of the Cold War and the U.S. Offer to Limit NATO Expansion,” *International Security*, Vol.40. No.4, 2016, pp.7-44.

Week 7 (4/8): Reforms in Eastern Europe

Required Readings:

- Johanna Granville, "1956 Reconsidered: Why Hungary and Not Poland," *The Slavonic and East European Review*, Vol.80, No.4, 2002, 656-687.
- Kieran Williams, "The Russian View(s) of the Prague Spring," *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol.14, No.2, 2012, pp.128-141.
- Vladislav Zubok, "Gorbachev and the Road to 1989," in Bogdan C. Iacob ed., *The End and the Beginning The Revolutions of 1989 and the Resurgence of History*, Budapest : Central European University Press, 2012, pp.257-289.

Week 8 (4/15): Integrations in Western Europe

Required Readings:

- Ernst B. Haas, "International Integration: The European and the Universal Process," *International Organization*, Vol.15, No.3, 1961, pp. 366-392.
- Sebastian Rosato, *Europe United: Power Politics and the Making of the European Community*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2011, pp.41-103.
- Andrew Moravcsik, "Negotiating the Single European Act: National Interests and Conventional Statecraft in the European Community," *International Organization*, Vol.45, No.1, 1991, pp.19-56.

The Research Proposal Due: 17:00.

Week 9 (4/22): Presentations of Research Proposals

Week 10 (4/29): Democratization in Europe

Required Readings:

- Timothy Frye, "A Politics of Institutional Choice: Post-Communist Presidencies," *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol.30, No.5, 1997, pp.523-552.
- Henry E. Hale, "Regime Cycles: Democracy, Autocracy, and Revolution in Post-Soviet Eurasia," *World Politics*, Vol.58, No.1, 2005, pp.133-165.
- Michael McFaul, "Ukraine Imports Democracy: External Influences on the Orange Revolution," *International Security*, Vol.32, No.2, 2007, pp.45-83.

Week 11 (5/6): The Holiday

Week 12 (5/13): The European Alliance with the United States

Required Readings:

- John J. Mearsheimer, "Back to the Future: Instability in Europe after the Cold War," *International Security*, Vol.15, No.1, 1990, pp.5-56.
- Barry R. Posen, "European Union Security and Defense Policy: Response to Unipolarity," *Security Studies*, Vol.15, No.2, 2006, pp.149-186.

- Lucie Béraud-Sudreau and Bastian Giegerich, “NATO Defence Spending and European Threat Perceptions,” *Survival*, Vol.60, No.4, 2018, pp.53-74.

Week 13 (5/20): The European Partnership with Russia

Required Readings:

- Ulrich Sedelmeier, “Europe after the Eastern Enlargement of the European Union: 2004-2014,” available at <https://eu.boell.org/en/2014/06/10/europe-after-eastern-enlargement-european-union-2004-2014>.
- Anke Schmidt-Felzmann, “The Breakdown of the EU’s Strategic Partnership with Russia: from Strategic Patience towards a Strategic Failure,” *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Vol.29, No.1, 2016, pp.99-127.
- Vladimir Ryzhkov, “Russia and the European Union: Crisis and Prospects,” *Survival*, Vol.61, No.3, 2019, pp.139-164.

Week 14 (5/27): The European Engagement with China

Required Readings:

- Hugo Meijer et al., “Arming China: Major Powers’ Arms Transfers to the People’s Republic of China,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol.41, No.6, 2018, pp.850-886.
- Igor Rogelja and Konstantinos Tsimonis, “Narrating the China Threat: Securitising Chinese Economic Presence in Europe,” *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol.13, No.1, 2020, pp.103-133.
- Anastas Vangeli, “Global China and Symbolic Power: The Case of 16+1 Cooperation,” *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol.27, No.113, 2018, pp.674-687.

Week 15 (6/3): Sovereignty in Europe

Required Readings:

- Stephen D. Krasner, *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999, 73-126.
- Yossi Shain, *Frontiers of Loyalty: Political Exiles in the Age of the Nation-State*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1989, pp.50-76.
- Martha Crenshaw, “The Causes of Terrorism,” *Comparative Politics*, Vol.13, No.4, 1981, pp.379-397.

The Research Paper Due: 17:00.

Week 16 (6/10): Presentations of Research Papers