

History 1F95 World History Since 1914 Brock University

Winter Term: January—April 2010
Lectures: Mondays 7-9 p.m.
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Course Objects:

The second term of the course is designed to introduce you to some of the major themes in the postwar world history. These include the Cold War, revolution, decolonization, regional crisis, dissident movement, fall of communism, etc. Approaches are thematic, by geographical region, and by problem. I also aim to help you to achieve in-depth understanding of both secondary and primary sources surrounding the course subjects.

Please see the Fall Term syllabus for information regarding textbooks, course requirements, grading schemes, seminar and essay preparation, and academic conduct. However, several issues are to be highlighted:

First, you are expected to get involved actively into seminar discussion. To achieve this, you are required to carefully complete the assigned readings (key seminar readings and relevant lecture readings) before each seminar meetings as preparation.

Second, you will have to write an 8-page research paper (plus the title page and bibliographies) on a topic relevant to the second half of the course (post-1945). I encourage you to consult with your seminar leader as early as possible about your essay topic, and it is important to do a fair amount of reading/ research before consulting with your seminar leader (A suggested reading list will follow to help you decide essay topic). **Topics must be selected and submitted to the seminar leader by the end of Week 5. Essays are due in seminar in Week 9.** Late essays will be penalized by 5% of the total for each day of delay, weekend included, unless permission has been sought and granted prior to the deadline; no essay will be accepted after the last week.

Third, this term you will be evaluated through the following:

Winter Seminar Participation	10%
Essay Consultation	5%
Winter Essay	15%
Winter Exam	20%

Lecture & Seminar Schedule

Week 1 (January 11)

Introduction; Origins of the Cold War

Lecture readings: Goff, Chapter 20

No seminar this week.

Week 2 (January 18)

Chinese Revolution; Korean War

Lecture readings: Goff, 190-198, 349-351, 362-367

Seminar: Cold War Diplomacy

Key seminar readings: "From World War II to the Cold War;" Moss, Reading 15.2 (A)

Week 3 (January 25)

Decolonization: An Overview; Indian Nationalism and Partition

Lecture readings: Goff, 204-210, 354-359

Seminar: Chinese Revolution

Key seminar readings: Moss, Reading 10.2 (A, B, C, D); 10.3 A.

Jean Chesneaux, "Yenan-Peasant Headquarters of the Communist Revolution"

Week 4 (February 1)

Decolonization in Africa; Cuban Revolution & Missile Crisis

Lecture readings: Goff, Chapter 23 & p. 321-323; 338-340

Seminar: Gandhi and Non-violence

Key seminar readings: Moss, Reading 10.1 (A, B, C) (pp. 113-117)

Week 5 (February 8)

Post-war Southeast Asia; Vietnam War

Lecture readings: Goff, 359-361, 444-450

Seminar: the seminar is for essay consultation; however, *Things Fall Apart* is the designated reading for this week.

Week 6 Family Day, lecture and all seminars cancelled.

Week 7 Reading Week, no class.

Week 8 (March 1)

The Middle East: Palestine / Israel; the Politics of Oil

Lecture readings: Goff, Chapter 25

Seminar: Vietnam War

Key seminar readings: “Ho Chi Minh--Johnson Correspondence;” Ron Kovic, “Born on the Fourth of July”

Week 9 (March 8)

“Socialist Bloc” and its Breakdown; Hungarian Revolution & “Prague Spring”

Lecture readings: Goff, 312-317, 414-417

Seminar: Israel and the Arabs

Key seminar readings: Moss, Reading 11.1 (A, B, C); Chapter 20 (pp. 267-279)

Week 10 (March 15)

Labor Camp: Gulag and Laogai; Cambodia Genocide

Lecture readings: Kate Saunders, “Beneath the Iron Crust”

A chapter from Anne Applebaum, *Gulag: A History*

Seminar: “Cracks in the Monolith”

Key seminar readings: Andrew Gyorgy, “The Hungarian Revolution of 1956”

Ludvik Vaculik, “Two Thousand Words”

“Brezhnev Speech”

Week 11 (March 22)

Mao’s China & Post-Mao Reform; Military Dictatorships in the Developing World

Lecture readings: Goff, 351-354, 434-440, 464-467, 472-473

Seminar: Cambodia Civil War and Genocide

Key seminar readings: Someth May, “Under the Khmer Rouge”

William. Shawcross, “The Beginning” (optional)

March 12 (March 29)

Post War U.S.; Student Movements

Lecture readings: Goff, 326-332, 428-433

Seminar: Maoist Society

Key seminar readings: Moss, Reading 18:2; “One Hundred Items for Destroying the Old and Establishing the New”

Week 13 (April 5)

Ending the Cold War: Political Changes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

Lecture readings: Goff, Chapter 31

Seminar: Student Revolt

Key seminar readings: A. Bloom, "The Sixties"

J. Farber, "The Student as Nigger"

Week 14 (April 12)

Towards the 21st Century; Exam Review

Lecture readings: Goff, Chapter 32, 33

No Seminar this week.