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Syllabus

The Cold War 1945 – 1989 and Its Aftermath: US Policy and Eastern Europe

Two-credit course

Time: Oct 10 – Nov 21, 2006

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:05 – 12.20

Place: Meliora Hall 204

Course Work: One 5-page paper (with references). Paper should be ready on Nov. 1.

Exam: Essay-style final exam (6-page paper with references) – ready on Nov. 20 – will concentrate on general problems taught during the course.

Final grade will be counted in the following way:

[5-page paper (with references), ready on Nov. 1]

6. Oct. 31, 2006: Shaping foreign and security policies: containment and the NSC-68.
Readings: NSC-68 (April 14, 1950) (search internet); Peter J. Katzenstein, A World of Regions. Asia and Europe in the American Imperium, Ithaca 2005, pp. 50–58.
7. Nov. 2, 2006: Order and resistance (1). War and rebellion: Korea and Berlin.
Readings: NSC-162/2: Basic National Security Policy, October 30, 1953 (search in internet); B. Kovrig, Of Walls and Bridges, New York 1991, pp. 50–102 (also for lecture 8); Warren I. Cohen, The Cambridge History of American Foreign Relations, pp. 81–128; Joseph F. Harrington and Bruce J. Courtney, Tweaking the Nose of the Russians, pp. 135–143, 157–166
8. Nov. 4, 2006: Order and resistance (2). 1956: The Polish June and October, the Hungarian Revolution.
Readings: B. Kovrig, Of Walls and Bridges, pp. 50–102; Piotr S. Wandycz, United States and Poland, Harvard University Press 1980, pp. 331–342, 348–371; Joseph Held, ed., The Columbia History of Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century; NSC-5811/1 – U.S. Policy Toward the Soviet-dominated Nations in Eastern Europe (July 27, 1960) (**e-reserve**)
9. Nov. 7, 2006: Order and resistance (3). From Cuban Crisis (1962) to invasion of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact in 1968.
Readings: John L. Gaddis, The Cold War, pp. 75–82; Documents on Cuban Crisis (copies in the library); ‘The Brezhnev Doctrine’ (November 12, 1968), in: Gale Stokes, ed., From Stalinism to Pluralism, pp. 132–134; Warren I. Cohen, The Cambridge History of American Foreign Relations, pp. 147–181; Joseph F. Harrington and Bruce J. Courtney, Tweaking the Nose of the Russians, pp. 249–257, 260–266; Piotr S. Wandycz, United States and Poland, pp. 373–390
10. Nov. 9, 2006: From bridge-building to “détente”: Helsinki Conference (1975) and Eastern Europe.
Readings: ‘The Helsinki Accords’ (August 1, 1975) (search internet); Warren I. Cohen, The Cambridge History of American Foreign Relations, pp. 182–207; J. L. Gaddis, The Cold War, pp. 195–236; Joseph F. Harrington and Bruce J. Courtney, Tweaking the Nose of the Russians, pp. 285–303, 350–352, 368–372, 415–429; Piotr S. Wandycz, United States and Poland, pp. 390–413

11. Nov. 14, 2006: Polish Crisis (1980-81) and R. Reagan's policy toward the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Readings: B. Kovrig, Of Walls and Bridges, pp. 130–142, 180–197, 233–242, 259–261; Arthur R. Rachwald, In Search of Poland. The Superpowers' Response to Solidarity, 1980–1989, Hoover Institution Press 1990, pp. 47–92; National Security Decision Directive No. 54, 'United States Policy Toward Eastern Europe' (September 2, 1982) (**e-reserve**); National Security Decision Directive No. 119, 'Strategic Defense Initiative' (January 6, 1984) (search in internet); Warren I. Cohen, The Cambridge History of American Foreign Relations, pp. 219–239; Joseph F. Harrington and Bruce J. Courtney, Tweaking the Nose of the Russians, pp. 481–484, 563–564

[Final examination 6-page paper (with references), ready on Nov. 20]

12. Nov. 16, 2006: The Cold-War order in crisis: the US perception of the Polish transition (1989).

Readings: B. Kovrig, Of Walls and Bridges, pp. 151–156, 200–227; Warren I. Cohen, The Cambridge History of American Foreign Relations, pp. 239–245; 'United States Policy Toward Eastern Europe', in: Hearing before the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East of the Committee on Foreign Affairs House of Representatives, June 5, 1990 (Witnesses: Mark Palmer and Madeleine Albright); Mikhail Gorbachev, 'A Common European Home' (July 6, 1989), in: Gale Stokes, ed., From Stalinism to Pluralism, pp. 266–267; J. L. Gaddis, The Cold War, pp. 237–257 [A concise overview of the U.S. diplomatic correspondence – Department of State to/from U.S. Embassy, Warsaw, 1989 – will be provided during the lecture]

13. Nov. 21, 2006: General tendencies in American policy toward Eastern Europe during Cold War and after: summary.

Readings: J. L. Gaddis, The Cold War, pp. 259–266; B. Kovrig, Of Walls and Bridges, pp. 323–350; Joseph F. Harrington and Bruce J. Courtney, Tweaking the Nose of the Russians, pp. 605–615; Piotr S. Wandycz, United States and Poland, pp. 414–424