

Freie Universität Berlin
FU-BEST Program
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INTEGRATION, CONFLICT, AND SECURITY IN EUROPE

Course description:

This course surveys and examines a variety of aspects of international politics in Europe, with particular focus on the Cold War and post-Cold War eras.

We will review the postwar history of international politics in Europe, followed by an in-depth study of European integration in general and the European Union in particular, the role played by security organizations (especially NATO and the Organization for Security & Cooperation in Europe), U.S. and Soviet/Russian policy toward Europe, the eruption of ethno-political conflict (especially in the Balkans), the international impact of Germany's recent reunification, and the quest for order, security, and stability in a region that is no longer divided by the Iron Curtain but in which international politics continues to be shaped and affected by East-West as well as North-South contrasts.

Required texts:

John McCormick: Understanding the European Union

Lawrence S. Kaplan: NATO Divided, NATO United. The Evolution of an Alliance

Robert Kagan: Of Paradise and Power

Mark Leonard: Why Europe Will Run the 21st Century

Course Reader

Course Work/expectations:

Midterm exam: 25%

Paper: 25%

Final Exam: 30%

Attendance and participation: 20% (includes 3 mandatory independent field projects)

SCHEDULE

- Session 1:** Introduction; overview of the course; genesis and evolution of the "Westphalian state system" in Europe
Readings: Selections from K.J. Holsti, International Politics: A Framework for Analysis and John T. Rourke, International Politics on the World Stage (in Reader)
Video: "The Treaty of Westphalia"
- Session 2:** Overview of patterns and trends in post-World War II international relations in Europe
Readings: see Session 1
Video: "Big Brothers: Germany and the Superpowers"
- Session 3:** European integration: the concept of functionalism
Overview of post-World War II European integration
Readings: McCormick, chapters 1-3
Video: "Jean Monnet"
- Session 4:** Institutions of the European Union
Readings: McCormick, chapter 4
DVD-based video: "The New Europe"
- Session 5:** Policies of the European Union: general features, budgetary policy, economic policy, agriculture
Readings: McCormick, chapter 7
Videos: "Fair competition in Europe" and "The CAP: Continuity and Change"
- Session 6:** Midterm exam
- Session 7:** Policies of the European Union (cont'd): regions, environment, social policy, foreign and security policy
Readings: McCormick, chapters 5, 6, 8, and 9
Videos: "Europe, Education, Culture", "Our planet, our house" and "Fighting Poverty: Development Co-operation with the Least Developed Countries"
- Session 8:** Nationalism: a European scourge?
Readings: Charles Kupchan, "Introduction: Nationalism Resurgent" and George Schöpflin, "Nationalism and Ethnicity in Europe, East and West," both from Charles A. Kupchan, ed., *Nationalism and Nationalities in the New Europe* (in Reader)
Video: "Showing the Flag – The Germans as a Nation"
- Session 9:** The Yugoslav tragedy and the Balkan mess
Readings: Aleksa Djilas, "Fear Thy Neighbor: The Breakup of Yugoslavia," in Kupchan, *Nationalism and Nationalities in the New Europe* (in Reader)
Video: "NATO Today"

- Session 10:** NATO and the new European security environment
Reading: Lawrence Kaplan, *NATO Divided, NATO United*
Video: "On the Front Lines of Peace: OSCE in Action"
- Session 11:** NATO and the new European security environment (cont'd)
Reading: Lawrence Kaplan, *NATO Divided, NATO United* (cont'd)
Video: "A New NATO for a New Europe"
- Session 12:** Final exam