This is a readings course in U.S. foreign policy and international history, with an integrated emphasis on foreign and domestic sources and consequences of global behaviour and conflict. We will principally cover the 20th Century, with some brief background.

Structure of the course: Each week, there will be a common reading for which everyone will be responsible. In addition to that, each week a certain number of students will read and report individually on books that are relevant to that week's topic.

Assignments and Grading: Each student will be responsible for reading and writing a brief overview, about 2 pages, of seven different books during the semester. These reviews will discuss the main arguments of the book, and then give an impression of the book's strengths and weaknesses and what might be expected of future works in the particular area.

Each of these reviews will count for ten points, for a total of seventy points. Additionally, each student will prepare an essay based on his/her readings at the end of the semester, worth fifteen points. And class discussion will count for fifteen points as well.

Learning Outcomes

Students will have extensive knowledge about the history and historiographical debates relating to at least two regions of the world.

All students graduating with a Ph.D. in History should be able to identify and analyze sufficient field-appropriate primary and secondary sources to write an acceptable dissertation.

The History Department will produce Ph.D.s who will be accomplished teachers, researchers, and publishers at junior and senior level colleges and universities.

Week 1: Introduction


Week 2: Expansion, Ideology, Imperialism . . . in contexts


Michael Hunt, *Ideology and Foreign Policy* -- **Brice**
Tony Smith, *America's Mission* -- **Jason**
Gabriel Kolko, *Century of War*
Richard Slotkin, *Regeneration Through Violence*
Richard Drinnon, *Facing West: The Metaphysics of Indian Hating* -- **Jeffrey**
Paul Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers* -- **Nick**
Eric Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes* -- **Kyle**
Thomas McCormick, *America's Half-Century* -- **Katy**
Paul Buhle and Edward Rice-Maximim, *William Appleman Williams and the Tragedy of Empire* -- **Julie**

Week 3: Colonial/19th Century


Bradford Perkins, *The Creation of a Republican Empire, 1776-1865* [vol.1, *Cambridge*] -- **Brice**
Marc Egnal, *A Mighty Empire*
Drew McCoy, *The Elusive Republic* -- **Katy**
Lester Langley, *The Americas in the Age of Revolution, 1750-1850* -- **Brandon**
Thomas Hietala, *Manifest Design*
Charles Sellers, *The Market Revolution* -- **Nick**
David Pletcher, *The Diplomacy of Trade And Investment : American Economic Expansion In The Hemisphere, 1865-1900*
William Appleman Williams, *The Roots of the Modern American Empire*

William Weeks, *John Quincy Adams and American Global Empire and Building the Continental Empire*
Week 4: World War I Era

Common: chapter 5 [Gardner] in From Colony to Empire; chapters 2,3 in Major Problems, v. 2; Tom Ferguson, "From Normalcy to New Deal"; chapter 6 [Smith] in From Colony to Empire; Holger Herwig, "Clio Deceived: Conquest, Foreign and Domestic, in Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany," in Journal of Modern History, March 1984

Lloyd Gardner, Safe for Democracy
N. Gordon Levin, Woodrow Wilson and World Politics
Carl Parrini, Heir to Empire
Martin Sklar, The Corporate Reconstruction Of American Capitalism, 1890-1916 -- Kat
Arno Mayer, Political Origins of the New Diplomacy -- Brandon
Arno Mayer, Politics and Diplomacy of Peacemaking: Containment and Counterrevolution at Versailles -- Brice
Emily Rosenberg, Spreading the American Dream -- Jeffrey
Frank Costigliola, Awkward Dominion
David Engerman, Modernization from the Other Shore -- Kyle

Joan Hoff Wilson, Ideology and Economics
John Morrow, The Great War: An Imperial History
D.C. Watt, How War Came
Waldo Heinrichs, Threshold of War

Week 5: World War II Era and Origins of the Cold War in Europe


**CWHIP is the Cold War International History Project, which is a clearinghouse for new information on the Cold War from sources all over the world. Its Bulletin and Working Papers are available for download, at [http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=topics.home](http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=topics.home)

Gabriel Kolko, *The Politics of War* --Kyle
Gerald Horne, *Race War* --Brice
William Roger Louis, *Imperialism at Bay*
David Holloway, *Stalin and the Bomb*
Tsuyoshi Hasegawa, *Racing the Enemy*
Gar Alperovitz, *The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb*
Warren Kimball, *Forged in War*

John Dower, *War Without Mercy* --Nick
Gabriel Kolko, *The Limits of Power*
Michael Hogan, *A Cross of Iron* --Katy
Melvyn Leffler, *A Preponderance of Power*
Arnold Offner, *Another Such Victory*
Carolyn Eisenberg, *Drawing the Line*
John Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment* --Brandon

Vladimir Zubok and Constantine Pleshakov, *Inside the Kremlin's Cold War*
Odd Arne Westad, *Cold War and Revolution*
Frederico Romero, *The United States and the European Trade Union Movement*
Christopher Thorne, *Allies of a Kind*
Martin Sherwin, *A World Destroyed*

**Week 6: The 1950s**

Week 7: Asia


Michael Hunt, The Making of a Special Relationship
Walter LaFeber, The Clash
Bruce Cumings, Parallax Visions
Akira Iriye, Across the Pacific
Michael Hunt, The Genesis of Chinese Communist Foreign Policy -- Brandon
John Dower, Embracing Defeat
Michael Schaller, The United States and China
Nancy Tucker, Patterns in the Dust
William Walker, Opium and Foreign Policy -- Tim
Gordon Chang, Friends and Enemies
Akira Iriye, Power and Culture
Warren Cohen, America's Response to China -- Jeffrey
Michael Hunt, *Frontier Defense and the Open Door*
Akira Iriye, *Cultural Internationalism and World Order*
Thomas McCormick, *China Market*

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**Week 8: Latin America/Caribbean**


Greg Grandin, *The Last Colonial Massacre* --Cam
Thomas O'Brien, *The Revolutionary Mission*
Louis Perez, *Cuba Under the Platt Amendment* --Jason
Stephen Rabe, *The Most Dangerous Area in the World*
Morris Morley, *Imperial State And Revolution : The United States and Cuba, 1952-1986*
Thomas Paterson, *Contesting Castro* --Kyle
John Hart, *Empire and Revolution* --Brice
William LeoGrande, *Our Own Backyard*
Lester Langley, *The Banana Men : American Mercenaries And Entrepreneurs In Central America, 1880-1930*
Mary Renda, *Taking Haiti* --Tim
Piero Gleijeses, *Shattered Hope*

Stephen Rabe, *Eisenhower and Latin America*
Peter Smith, *Talons of the Eagle*
Walter LaFeber, *Inevitable Revolutions*
Friedrich Katz, *The Secret War in Mexico*

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**Week 9: Economics/Materialism/Hegemony**


Lloyd Gardner, *Economic Aspects of New Deal Diplomacy* --Tim
David Painter, *Oil and the American Century* --Jason
Week 10: Cold War at Home/Culture/Race/Gender


Noam Chomsky, Deterring Democracy --Julie
Ed Herman and Noam Chomsky, Manufacturing Consent --Nick
Philip Jenkins, The Cold War at Home
Mary Dudziak, Cold War Civil Rights --Brice
Ellen Schrecker, Many Are the Crimes
Reinhold Wagnleitner, Coca-Colonization and the Cold War --Katy
Nancy Bernhard, U.S. Television News and Cold War Propaganda --Tim
Tom Borstelmann, The Cold War and the Color Line
Carol Anderson, Eyes Off the Prize
Michael Sherry, *In the Shadow of War*
Lisle Rose, *The Cold War Comes to Main Street*
Frances Saunders, *The Cultural Cold War*
Tom Engelhardt, *The End of Victory Culture*
Stephen Whitfield, *The Culture of the Cold War*
Jessica Gienow-Hecht, *Transmission Impossible*
Walter Hixson, *Parting The Curtain : Propaganda, Culture, and the Cold War, 1945-1961*
Elaine Tyler May, *Homeward Bound*
Brenda Gayle Plummer, *Rising Wind*
Jeff Woods, *Black Struggle, Red Scare*

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**Week 11: The Third World**

Symposium on the U.S. and the Third World, (Cobbs, Cullather, Little, Rabe)

Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War*  --Jeffrey
David Schmitz, *Thank God They're On Our Side*  
Gerald Horne, *From the Barrel of a Gun*  --Nick
Piero Gleijeses, *Conflicting Missions*  
Matthew Connolly, *A Diplomatic Revolution*  --Brandon
Noam Chomsky, *The Washington Connection and Third World Fascism*  --Tim
Noam Chomsky., *The Fateful Triangle*  
Gabriel Kolko, *Confronting the Third World*  
Andrew Rotter, *Comrades at Odds*  
Tom Borstelmann, *Apartheid's Reluctant Uncle*  
Penny Von Eschen, *Race Against Empire : Black Americans and Anticolonialism, 1937-1957*  
Bob McMahon, *Cold War on the Periphery*  --Kyle

Gary Sick, *All Fall Down*  
Dennis Merrill, *Bread and the Ballot*  
Peter Hahn, *Caught in the Middle East*  
Michael Schaller, *Altered States*  
Anthony Lake, *The Tar Baby Option*
Week 12: The Vietnam War


Gabriel Kolko, Anatomy of a War --Brice
Bob Buzzanco, Masters of War --Nick
Qiang Zhai, China and the Vietnam Wars --Jeffrey
Ilya Gaiduk, Confronting Vietnam
Lloyd Gardner, Approaching Vietnam
Andrew Rotter, The Path to Vietnam --Julie
David Anderson, Trapped by Success
George McT. Kahin, Intervention
Larry Berman, No Peace, No Honor
Jeffrey Kimball, Nixon's Vietnam War
James Carter, "Inventing Vietnam" --Jason

Jeffrey Kimball, The Vietnam War Files
William Shawcross, Sideshow
Daniel Ellsberg, Secrets
Larry Berman, Planning a Tragedy
Bruce Franklin, M.I.A. or Mythmaking in America
Lawrence Freedman, Kennedy's Wars
Robert McNamara, In Retrospect
Philip Catton, Diem's Final Failure

Week 13: After Vietnam


Jeremy Suri, Power and Protest --Nick
Joan Hoff, Nixon Reconsidered
Seymour Hersh, The Price of Power --Tim
Rick Perlstein, Before the Storm: Barry Goldwater and the Unmaking of the American Consensus --Katy
Raymond Garthoff, Detente And Confrontation : American-Soviet Relations from Nixon to Reagan
William Bundy, A Tangled Web
Michael Klare, Rogue States and Nuclear Outlaws --Brandon
Theodore Draper, A Very Thin Line
David Halberstam, War in a Time of Peace
Richard LeBow and Janice Gross Stein, We All Lost the Cold War
John Lewis Gaddis, We Know Now
Noam Chomsky, World Orders Old and New --Kyle

Kai Bird, The Color of Truth
Raymond Bonner, Weakness and Deceit
Bob Woodward, The Commanders
Jean Edward Smith, George Bush's War
Warren Christopher, In the Stream of History
George Bush and Brent Scowcroft, A World Transformed

Week 14: Current Crises


Walter LaFeber, Michael Jordan and the New Global Capitalism --Tim
Alfred Eckes and Thomas Zeiler, Globalization and the American Century
William Greider, One World, Ready or Not
Joseph Stiglitz, Globalization and Its Discontents
Edward Luttwak, Turbo Capitalism
Norman Finkelstein, Image and Reality of the Israel-Palestine Conflict --Julie
Alan Friedman, Spider's Web
Gabriel Kolko, Another Century of War?
Phyllis Bennis, Before and After
Tariq Ali, The Clash of Fundamentalisms
Immanuel Wallerstein, The Decline of American Power
Noam Chomsky, Hegemony or Survival --Jason
Noam Chomsky, The New Military Humanism
Chalmers Johnson, Blowback
Chalmers Johnson, The Sorrows of Empire
Niall Ferguson, *Empire*
Noreena Hertz, *The Silent Takeover: Global Capitalism and the Death of Democracy*
Noreena Hertz, *The Debt Threat* —Katy
Andrew J. Bacevich, *American Empire*