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: In consultation with the professor, you will devise a reading list of 8 books, and write an essay at the end of the semester of about 12 pages in length on the major issues they raise about the history of US foreign policy.

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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.

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Week 1: Introduction


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

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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

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Week 3: Colonial/19th Century


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*
Scott Nearing, *Dollar Diplomacy*
Reginald Horsman, *Race and Manifest Destiny*

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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 -- Katy*
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**
Week 6: The 1950s


Richard Immerman and Robert Bowie, Waging Peace
Jian Chen, Mao's China and the Cold War --Julie
Bruce Cumings, Korea's Place in the Sun
Bruce Cumings, The Origins of the Korean War, volume 1: Liberation and the Emergence of Separate Regimes
Bruce Cumings, The Origins of the Korean War, volume 2: The Roaring of the
Cataract
Sergei Goncharov, John W. Lewis, Xue Litai, *Uncertain Partners: Stalin, Mao and the Korean War*
Jian Chen, *China's Road To The Korean War* --**Jeffrey**
George Mc.T Kahin and Audrey Kahin, *Subversion as Foreign Policy*

William Stueck, *The Korean War*
Rosemary Foot, *The Wrong War*
Shuguang Zhang, *Mao's Military Romanticism*
Peter Hahn, *The United States, Great Britain, and Egypt*

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**Week 7: Asia**


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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**


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


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**


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

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**Week 12: The Vietnam War**

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*

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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, *Sidshow*
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 Ned 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*

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**Week 14: Current Crises**


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*
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*