

# HIS 3717G: THE GLOBAL COLD WAR



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Tuesdays 11:30 – 1:30

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The Cold War was one of the defining elements of the international system in the latter half of the twentieth century. Through weekly readings and discussions this seminar examines the development of the Cold War from its ideological and political origins in the first half of the twentieth century, through its expansion into the developing world to its sudden, and arguably unexpected, end in the late 1980s, early 1990s. It will go beyond an examination of Great Power politics by examining its intersection with the phenomena of decolonization and postcolonialism to understand how and why the conflict evolved in the underdeveloped world and the impact this had on the trajectory of twentieth century international relations.

### **Required Textbooks:**

Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

Chen Jian, *Mao's China and the Cold War* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2001)

The required textbooks will be available at the University of Western Ontario Bookstore and the additional course readings will be available either in electronic form through the Weldon Library Website, on reserve at the Weldon Library, or through Owl.

### **Course Requirements:**

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| Participation:          | 20% |
| Book Review:            | 20% |
| Research Paper Outline: | 10% |
| Research Paper:         | 25% |
| Take Home Exam:         | 25% |

### **Participation**

Each week students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings in a thoughtful and critical manner, relating each reading to some of the larger themes of the course.

## Book Review

Students are to write a 5 or 6 page, double-spaced book review of Chen Jian's *Mao's China and the Cold War*. Book reviews are due in class\* on **February 7**.

\*Students will submit a hard-copy of their book review to the instructor in class and an electronic copy of their book review to turnitin.com (**available through the course website**).

**Late assignments will be penalized 5% the first day and 2% each subsequent day.**

**Late assignments handed in after the last day of class will not be accepted.**

**You must complete this assignment to pass the course.**

## Research Paper and Outline

Students will write a 12 to 15 page, double-spaced research paper on any aspect of the Cold War of their choosing.

Students are expected to pass in a brief outline on **January 31**; after this date students will not be able to change their essay topics. The **outline** should provide a preliminary bibliography as well as a brief description of the essay topic.

The paper *must* contain a **minimum of twelve sources** including **at least two journal articles** and **one primary source**. The research paper will be due in class\* on **March 28**.

Students will submit a hard-copy of their paper to the instructor in class as well as electronically to turnitin.com\* (**available through the course website**) *by the time that class has started*.

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## Take-Home Exam

The Take-home exam will be assigned on **March 28** of class and will be **due in class April 4**.

Students will submit a hard-copy of the exam to the instructor in class and an electronic copy of their exam to turnitin.com\* (**available through the course website**).

**\*Assignment Submission to turnitin.com**

**“Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. The terms that apply to the University’s use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com website.”**

**Statement on Plagiarism:**

*It shall be an offence for a student to commit plagiarism.*

*From the Academic Handbook:*

Plagiarism: “The act or an instance of copying or stealing another’s words or ideas and attributing them as one’s own.” Excerpted from Black’s Law Dictionary, West Group, 1999, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., p. 1170.

***This includes submitting a paper you have written or intend to write for another class.***

## **Seminar Schedule**

### **January 10: Introduction to the Course**

### **January 17: Ideological Origins**

Odd Arne Westad, Chapter 1: "The Empire of Liberty: American Ideology and Foreign Interventions" and Chapter 2: "The Empire of Justice: Soviet Ideology and Foreign Interventions," *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2007), 8-72

N. Gordon Levin, Jr. "Introduction" in *Woodrow Wilson and World Politics: America's Response to War and Revolution* (Oxford, 1968): 1-10 – **e-book available through Weldon Website**

(<http://quod.lib.umich.edu.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=acls;idno=heb00731>)

David C. Engerman, Chapter 2: "Ideology and the Origins of the Cold War, 1917-1962" in *The Cambridge History of the Cold War Volume 1: Origins*, eds. Malvyn P. Leffler and Odd Arne Westad (Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 20-43– **e-book available through Weldon Website**

(<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

### **January 24: Strategic Origins**

Melvyn P. Leffler, Chapter 4: "The Emergence of an American Grand Strategy, 1945-1952" in *Cambridge History of the Cold War Vol. 1*, 67-89– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

Vladimir O. Pechatnov, Chapter 5: "The Soviet Union and the World, 1944-1953" in *Cambridge History of the Cold War Vol. 1*, 90-111– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

X, "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," *Foreign Affairs* Vol. 25, No. 4 (July 1947): 566-582 – **Weldon Website**

John Lewis Gaddis, "The Soviet Side of the Cold War: A Symposium," *Diplomatic History* Vol. 15, No. 4 (October 1991): 523-526 – **Weldon Website**

- "The Novikov Telegram Washington, September 27, 1946," *Diplomatic History* Vol. 15, No. 4 (October 1991): 527-538 – **Weldon Website**
- The Commentaries by George F. Kennan, William Taubman, Melvyn P. Leffler, Viktor L. Mal'Kov, and Steven Merritt Miner, *Diplomatic History* Vol. 15, No. 4 (October 1991): 539-563 – **Weldon Website**

### **January 31: *The Cold War in Europe***

Hans-Peter Schwarz, Chapter 7: “The Division of Germany, 1945-1949” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 1, 133-153– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

William I. Hitchcock, Chapter 8: “The Marshall Plan and the Creation of the West,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 1, 154-174– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

Norman Naimark, Chapter 9: “The Sovietization of Eastern Europe, 1944-1953,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 1, 175-197– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

#### ***Essay Outlines Due***

### **February 7: *The Cold War in Asia***

Chen Jian, Chapter 1: “The Chinese Civil War and the Rise of the Cold War in East Asia,” Chapter 2: “The Myth of America’s Lost Chance in China,” and Chapter 3: “Mao’s Continuous Revolution and the Rise and Demise of the Sino-Soviet Alliance, 1949-1963,” *Mao’s China and the Cold War* (Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2001), 17-84

Shu Guang Zhang, Chapter 17: “The Sino-Soviet Alliance and the Cold War in Asia” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 1, 353-375– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

#### ***Book Reviews Due***

### **February 14: *The Korean War***

Clay Blair, “The Korean War: Background and Overview” in *Security in Korea: War, Stalemate, and Negotiation* ed. Phil Williams, Donald M. Goldstein, and Henry L. Andrews, Jr. 39-52 – **Course Website**

William Stueck, Chapter 13: “The Korean War,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 1, 266-287– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

Robert Jervis, “The Impact of the Korean War on the Cold War” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 24 (December 1980): 563-92 – **Weldon Website**

Chen Jian, Chapter 4: “China’s Strategies to End the Korean War, 1950-1951” in *Mao’s China and the Cold War*, 85-117

**February 21: Reading Week – NO CLASS**

**February 28: Decolonization**

Westad, Chapter 3: The Revolutionaries: Anticolonial Politics and Transformations and Chapter 4: Creating the Third World: The United States Confronts Revolution, *The Global Cold War*, 73-157

Erez Manela, “Imagining Woodrow Wilson in Asia: Dreams of East-West Harmony and the Revolt against Empire in 1919” *The American Historical Review* 111(5) (2006): 1327-1351 – **Weldon Website**

Mark Philip Bradley, Chapter 22: “Decolonization, The Global South, and the Cold War, 1919-1962,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 1, 464-485– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194>)

**March 7: Cuba**

Westad, Chapter 5: The Cuban and Vietnamese Challenges, *The Global Cold War*, 158-80

Yinghong Chen, “Sino-Cuban Relations during the Early Years of the Castro Regime, 1959-1966” *Journal of Cold War Studies* (August 2007) 9(3): 78-114 – **Weldon Website**

Piero Gleijeses, Chapter 16: “Cuba and the Cold War, 1959-1980,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Volume 2: Crises and Détente, 327-348– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200>)

**March 14: Vietnam**

Westad, Chapter 5: The Cuban and Vietnamese Challenges, *The Global Cold War*, 180-206

Fredrik Logevall, Chapter 14: “The Indochina Wars and the Cold War, 1945-1975,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 2, 281-304– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200>)

Chen Jian, Chapter 5: “China and the First Indochina War, 1950-1954” and Chapter 8: China’s Involvement in the Vietnam War, 1964-1969” *Mao’s China and the Cold War*, 118-144 and 205-237



### **March 21: *The End of the Cold War***

Archie Brown, Chapter 12: “The Gorbachev Revolution and the End of the Cold War,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Volume 3: *Endings*, 244-266– **e-book available through Weldon Website**

(<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837217>)

Beth A. Fischer, Chapter 13: “US Foreign Policy under Reagan and Bush,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 3, 267-288– **e-book available through Weldon Website**

(<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837217>)

Tony Smith, “New Bottles for New Wine: A Pericentric Framework for the Study of the Cold War,” *Diplomatic History* 24(4) (Fall 2000): 567-591 – **Weldon Website**

### **March 28: The Culture of the Cold War**

Charles Maland, “Dr Strangelove: A Nightmare Comedy and the Ideology of Liberal Consensus,” *American Quarterly* 31(5) (Winter, 1979): 697-717 – **Weldon Website**

**Film: *Dr. Strangelove***

***Research Papers Due***

***Take-Home Exam Assigned***

**April 4 - *Take-Home Exams Due***