

# HIS 3717G: The Global Cold War



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Mondays 12:30 – 2:30  
STVH - 1155

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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.

### **Course Requirements:**

Participation:	25%
Document Presentation:	10%
Research Paper Outline:	10%
Research Paper:	30%
Take Home Exam:	25%

### **Participation**

This course is a seminar course where the success of the seminar depends on the participation of the students. Each week, the instructor will facilitate the bulk of the discussion. 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.

### **Document Presentation**

Each student is expected to lead a brief discussion on a primary document relevant to that week's seminar topic. The discussion will consist of a brief presentation to provide the historical context of the document. This will include a brief history of the document identifying who the author of the document is (if possible), when it was written and what was occurring when the document was written both in specific terms of the document and the broader context of the Cold War. The remainder of the presentation will consist of a class discussion to interpret the document facilitated by the presenter. For this part, the presenter should pose broad, interpretive questions about the document relating it back to that week's topic. These questions should get at why the document was written. They might include what motivated the author to write the document? What type of language is used in the document? What does the document tell us about the Cold War?

## **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. The paper *must* contain a **minimum of twelve sources** and **one primary source**.

Students are expected to pass in a brief outline on **January 29**; 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 preliminary bibliography should reflect the fact that it is for a paper consisting of a minimum of twelve secondary sources and one primary source. It does need to include all the potential secondary sources, but it should suggest that the minimum of twelve secondary sources will be met once the paper is due. It should also indicate that primary source material is available.

The research paper will be due in class\* on **March 26**. 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*.

**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.**

## **Take-Home Exam**

The Take-home exam will be assigned on **April 2** at the end of class and will be **due in class April 9**. 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.*

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**Seminar Schedule – Note: Readings are subject to change prior to the start of the course**

**January 8: *Introduction to the Course***

**January 15: *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 – **Course Website**

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. Melvyn 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>)

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**January 22: *Strategic Origins***

John Lewis Gaddis, Chapter 1: “Grand Strategies in the Cold War” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War Volume 2: Crises and Détente* eds. Melvyn P. Leffler and Odd Arne Westad (Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press, 2010)1-21– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<https://doi-org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200>)

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>)

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**January 29: *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>)

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*Essay Outlines Due*

### **February 5: *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**

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### **February 12: *The Cold War in Asia***

Rana Mitter, “China and the Cold War” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Cold War* eds. Rochard H. Immerman and Petra Goedde (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), 124-140 – **Course Website**

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>)

Chen Jian, “China, the Third World, and the Cold War,” in *The Cold War in the Third World* ed. Robert McMahon (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), 85-100 – **Course Website**

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## February 19: *Reading Week* – NO CLASS

### February 26: *Decolonization*

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>)

Westad, Chapter 3: “The Revolutionaries: Anticolonial Politics and Transformations,” *The Global Cold War*, 73-109 – **Course Website**

Michael Latham, Chapter 13: “The Cold War in the Third World,” 1963-1975,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 2, 258-280 – **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<https://doi-org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200>)

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### March 5: *Cuba*

Westad, “Cuba as Revolutionary Example,” in *The Global Cold War*, 170-180 – **Course Website**

James Hershberg, Chapter 4: “The Cuban Missile Crisis,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Volume 2: *Crises and Détente*, 65-87– **e-book available through Weldon Website** (<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200>)

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

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### March 12: *Vietnam*

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>)

Pierre Asselin, Chapter 6: “Choosing War, 1963,” in *Hanoi’s Road to the Vietnam War, 1954-1965* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2013), 145-173 – **Course Website**

Chen Jian, Chapter 8: China’s Involvement in the Vietnam War, 1964-1969” *Mao’s China and the Cold War* (Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2001), 205-237 – **Course Website**

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### **March 19: *Détente***

William Burr and David Alan Rosenberg, Chapter 5: “Nuclear Competition in an Era of Stalemate, 1963-1975,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 2, 88-111 – **e-book available through Weldon Website**  
(<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200>)

Jussi Hanhimäki, Chapter 10: “Détente in Europe, 1962-1975” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 2, 198-218 – **e-book available through Weldon Website**  
(<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200>)

Olav Njølstad, Chapter 7: “The Collapse of Superpower Détente, 1975-1980” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Volume 3, *Endings*, 135-155 – **e-book available through Weldon Website**  
(<http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837217>)

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### **March 26: 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***



**April 2: *The End of the Cold War***

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>)

Jacques Lévesque, Chapter 15: “The East European Revolutions of 1989,” in *Cambridge History of the Cold War* Vol. 3, 311-332 – **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**

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***Take-Home Exam Assigned***

**April 9: - *Take-Home Exams Due***