

Theories of International Relations and their Application

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Course Description

This course is intended for PhD-level students and aims to stimulate them to apply different theories to the historical evolution of the international system from 1815. In particular, after one introductory lecture, the course will be focused on 4 seminars in which students are required to prepare presentations and participate in the discussion.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students:

Will have demonstrated a systematic understanding of International Relations and mastery of the skills and methods of research associated;

Will be capable of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas;

Will be able to communicate with their peers, the larger scholarly community and with society in general about International Relations;

1. Introduction

Required:

Andreatta, F. (2017) *Classic Works in International Relations*, available on PandoraCampus

Snyder, J. (2004) «One World, Rival Theories», *Foreign Policy*, 145, 52-62

Walt, S. (1998) «One world, many theories», *Foreign Policy*, 110, pp. 29–46

Wight, M. (1987) «An Anatomy of International Thought», *Review of International Studies*, 13:3, 221-227

2. Seminar: The long XIX Century

Required:

Kennedy, P. (1987) *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, pp. 115-193

Kissinger, H. (1994) *Diplomacy*, pp. 1-167

Recommended:

Anderson, M. S. (2003) *The Ascendancy of Europe, 1815-1914*

Bridge F. R., and Roger Bullen (2004): *The Great Powers and the European States System, 1814-1914*

Evans, P. (2016) *The Pursuit of Power, Europe 1815-1914*

Schroeder, P. W. (1994) *The Transformation of European Politics, 1763-1848*

3. Seminar: The First World War

Required:

Kennedy, P. (1987) *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, pp. 194-274

Kissinger, H. (1994) *Diplomacy*, pp. 168-265

Recommended:

Henig, R. (2006). *The Origins of the First World War*

Joll, J., and G. Martel (2007) *The Origins of the First World War*
Fischer, F. (1975). *War of illusions: German policies from 1911 to 1914*
Taylor, A.J.P. (1954) *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1848-1918*

4. Seminar: The Second World War

Required:

Kennedy, P. (1987) *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, pp. 275-346
Kissinger, H. (1994) *Diplomacy*, pp. 266-422

Recommended:

Bell, P.M.H. (2007) *The Origins of the Second World War in Europe*. 3rd Edition.
Overy, R. and A. Wheatcroft (1999) *The Road to War*. Revised Edition.
Steiner, Z. (2013) *The Triumph of the Dark; European International History 1933-9*
Weinberg, G. (2005) *A World at Arms: A Global History of World War II*, 2nd ed.,

5. Seminar: The Cold War

Required:

Kennedy, P. (1987) *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, pp. 347-412
Kissinger, H. (1994) *Diplomacy*, pp. 423-803

Recommended:

Gaddis, J.L. (2005) *Strategies of Containment*
Garthoff, Raymond (1994). *Détente and Confrontation: American-Soviet Relations from Nixon to Reagan*
LaFeber, Walter (2002). *America, Russia, and the Cold War, 1945–2002*
Powaski, R. (1998) *The Cold War: The US and the Soviet Union, 1917-1991*
Westad, O.A. (2017) *The Cold War: A World History*