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HIS-190A: The Cold War

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READING LIST:

Gaddis, John Lewis, *The Cold War: A New History*
Kirby, William, et al., eds., *Normalization of U.S.-China Relations: An International History*
LaFeber, Walter, *America, Russia and the Cold War, 1945-2002*, 9th rev. ed.
Lundestad, Geir, *The United States and Western Europe Since 1945: From "Empire" By Invitation to Transatlantic Drift*
Fursenko, Aleksandr, and Timothy Naftali, *One Hell of a Gamble: Khrushchev, Castro, and Kennedy, 1958-1964*
Von Eschen, Penny, *Satchmo Blows Up the World: Jazz Ambassadors Play the Cold War*
Westad, Odd Arne, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times*

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:

There will be two take-home mid-term exams (850-900 words each) and a take-home final exam (1500 words), as well as two essay assignments. Dates and topics will be announced during the semester. The mid-terms will be worth 15% each; the final 25%; the two essays 15% each.

Classroom participation will be worth 15%. Assigned readings should be completed prior to class, and students should be ready to participate in discussion and field cold-called questions.

Class attendance is mandatory: more than three unexcused absences will result in a half-grade drop in final grade for each missed day. More than six unexcused absences will result in a failing course grade.

SYLLABUS

WEEK ONE (9/6): Course Introduction

WEEK TWO (9/11, 9/13):

1. The World in 1945: Allied Victory; Global Government in the Offing?; Europe at the Center and in the Bull's-Eye

Readings:

LaFeber, Introduction, chapter 1
Gaddis, Prologue, chapter 1, I-IV
Lundestad, chapter 1

Documents:

Yalta Agreement, 1945, at <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/wwii/yalta.htm>

United Nations Charter, 1945, preamble, chapters 1-2, at <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/un/unchart.htm#art1>

George Orwell, "You and the Atomic Bomb," 1945, at <http://whitewolf.newcastle.edu.au/words/authors/O/OrwellGeorge/essay/misc/atomicbomb.html>

2. The Frost Sets In: From the Long Telegram to the Establishment of NATO

Readings:

LaFeber, chapters 2-4 (through p. 93)

Gaddis, Chapter 1, V-VIII

Lundestad, chapter 2

Documents:

"Operation Crossroads" Atomic Bomb Tests at Bikini Atoll, 1946 at <http://www.archive.org/details/Operatio1946>

Winston Churchill, "Iron Curtain" Speech, 1946, at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/churchill-iron.html>

Stalin's Reply to Churchill, 1946, at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1946stalin.html>

James Reston, "Administration Now Shifts Its Emphasis on Foreign Aid," *New York Times*, 5/9/47, at http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/study_collections/marshall/large/
(scroll down to find link to article)

WEEK THREE 9/18, 9/20):

1. China's Revolution, NSC-68 and the Korean War

Readings:

LaFeber, rest of chapter 4, 5

Gaddis, Chapter 2, I-V

Documents:

Mao Zedong Proclaims the Peoples' Republic of China, 1949, at <http://www.isop.ucla.edu/eas/documents/mao490921.htm>

"NSC-68: United States Objectives and Programs for National Security," 1950, at <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/mjacobs/Amh2020Fall02/NSC-68.html>

President Truman's Public Statement on the Start of the Korean War, 1950, at <http://www.coldwarfiles.org/files/Documents/trumankoreanwar.pdf>

2. Anti-Communism and McCarthyism: Fools, Knaves, Spies, Victims

Reading:

LaFeber, chapter 6

Documents:

“Venona” Secret Cable re the Rosenberg-Greenglass Spy Ring, 1944, at http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/venona/inte_19440921.html

Dore Schary: “An Eyewitness Account of the Hollywood Blacklist Agreement” (excerpt from Schary’s Memoir, *Heyday: An Autobiography* [1979]), at http://www.cobbles.com/simpp_archive/huac_schary.htm
(*Also read the “Waldorf Conference Statement,” 1947—link is located within Schary essay)

Telegram from Senator Joseph McCarthy to President Harry S. Truman, 1950, at <http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/mccarthy/telegram.htm>

Truman’s Draft Response to McCarthy, at <http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/mccarthy-telegram/images/truman-reply.gif>

WEEK FOUR (9/25, 9/27):

1. Eisenhower, Dulles, the “New Look,” and “Rollback” (and Its Limits)

Readings:

LaFeber, chapter 7
Gaddis, chapter 2, VI-VII

Documents:

Eisenhower, Strauss (Chair AEC) Press Conference re Hydrogen Weapons, 1954, at http://www.nuclearfiles.org/menu/library/correspondence/eisenhower-dwight/corr_eisenhower_1954-03-31.htm

Minutes of NSC Meeting, 7/12/56, re Hungary and Eastern Europe, at <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB76/doc2.pdf>

2. Out With Stalin, In With Khrushchev: New Ideas, Mixed Messages

Readings:

LaFeber, chapter 8
Gaddis, chapter 2, VIII-IX, chapter 3, VI-IX
Fursenko and Naftali, Introduction, chapter 1

Documents:

Khrushchev’s Denunciation of Stalin at the 20th Communist Party Congress, 1956, at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1956khrushchev-secret1.html>

Soviet Marshal Zhukov Reports on Quashing the Hungarian Uprising, 1956, at http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=va2.document&identifier=5034EA4E-96B6-175C-9B07E43966497D85&sort=Collection&item=1956%20Polish%20Crisis

“The Elemental Force,” *Time*, 8/28/59, at <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/printout/0,8816,811257,00.html>

WEEK FIVE (10/4—no class 10/2, Yom Kippur):

European Decolonization, Non-Alignment, and the Middle East—1950s

Readings:

Westad, chapters 1-4

Lundestad, chapter 5

Documents:

Secret C.I.A. History of the Overthrow of the Iran Government, 1954, at <http://www.nytimes.com/library/world/mideast/iran-cia-intro.pdf> --read “Historian’s Note” (1969), “Summary,” and Appendix A: “Initial Operational Plan for TPAJAX” (note: Table of Contents has working links to document sections)

Indian Prime Minister Nehru’s Statement to the Bandung Conference, 1955, at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1955nehru-bandung2.html>

Eisenhower Cable to British Prime Minister Eden Concerning Nasser’s Nationalization of the Suez Canal, 1956, at <http://www.eisenhowermemorial.org/presidential-papers/first-term/documents/1935.cfm>

WEEK SIX (10/9, 10/11):

1. Latin America—1950s

Readings:

Fursenko and Naftali, chapters 2-4

Westad, chapter 5

Documents:

Gerald K. Haines, Secret C.I.A. Report, “CIA and Guatemala Assassination Proposals, 1952-1954 (drafted 1995), at http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB4/cia-guatemala1_1.html

(*For those who are interested, there is a secret C.I.A. how-to manual from the early 1950s, “A Study of Assassination,” which was included in a group of documents re the planned overthrow of the Arbenz government in Guatemala, at <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB4/ciaguat2.html> --and remember, don’t try this at home, kids.)

CBC Television Interview with Fidel Castro, 8/2/59, at <http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/cuba/> (link is on right side of Webpage, in box, “Media”)

2. Fearing Armageddon: Ducking and Covering, Banning the Bomb, Fighting the Monsters

Documents:

“Duck and Cover” short film, 1951, at <http://www.archive.org/details/DuckandC1951>

First H-Bomb Test, 1952, at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-3597507450536748258>

Albert Schweitzer, “A Declaration of Conscience,” 1957, at http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/2004/04/19_schweitzer_declaration-conscience.htm

Godzilla, 1954: in-class showing of excerpts

WEEK SEVEN (10/16, 10/18):

1. The Era of JFK: Pay Any Price, Assume Any Burden, March to the Brink, Back Away Slowly

Readings:

LaFeber, Chapter 9

Gaddis, chapter 2, X-XI

Fursenko and Naftali, chapters 5-15

Documents:

President Kennedy's Televised Inaugural Address, 1961, at

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/medialist.php?presid=35>

Frank Jacobs and Mort Drucker, "East Side Story," *Mad Magazine*, 1962, Handout

President Kennedy's Radio/TV Address re Nuclear Missiles in Cuba, 10/22/62, at

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/mediaplay.php?id=8986&admin=35>

Dr. Linus Pauling's Nobel Peace Prize Address, 1962, at

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1962/pauling-lecture.html

2. Waging Cold War by Other Means: The Space Race

Documents:

Eisenhower Meeting re Sputnik Launch, 1957, at

<http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/dl/Sputnik/MeetingwithBronketalOct81957.pdf>

Life Magazine Cover, 4/21/61: "Gagarin Greets Khrushchev," at

<http://www.life.com/Life/space/covers/cv042161.html>

President Kennedy's Rice University Speech on the US Space Program, 1962, at

<http://webcast.rice.edu/speeches/19620912kennedy.html> (Both video and transcript of speech are at this Website)

Charles S. Sheldon, "The Soviet Challenge in Space," NASA Technical Memorandum,

1966, at http://ntrs.nasa.gov/archive/nasa/casi.ntrs.nasa.gov/19660030647_1966030647.pdf

Life Magazine Cover, 8/8/69, "Flag and Footsteps on the Moon," at

<http://www.life.com/Life/space/covers/cv080869.html>

WEEK EIGHT (10/23, 10/25):

The Civil Rights Struggle and the Cold War; American Culture as Propaganda

Reading:

Von Eschen, all

WEEK NINE (10/30, 11/1):

1. Vietnam—Long, Bloody Miscalculation

Readings:

LaFeber, chapter 10

Documents:

“Declaration of Independence of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam,” 1945, at <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/vietdec.htm>

President Eisenhower’s Letter of Support to Ngo Dinh Diem, 1954, at <http://vietnam.vassar.edu/doc5.html>

Report to Secretary of State Rusk re Gulf of Tonkin Incident, 1964, at <http://www.nsa.gov/vietnam/releases/relea00216.pdf>

Scott Shane, “Vietnam War Intelligence ‘Deliberately Skewed,’ Secret Study Says,” *New York Times*, 12/2/05, at <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/12/02/politics/02tonkin.html?ex=1291179600&en=8c2f419ff8c7f2c8&ei=5088&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss>

Memorandum for President Johnson from George Ball, "A Compromise Solution in South Vietnam," 1965, at <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/pentagon4/doc260.htm>

Excerpts of Richard Nixon’s and Henry Kissinger’s secret comments on Vietnam, 1970-74, at www.nytimes.com/library/review/043000word-review.html

2. Lyndon Johnson, Brezhnev/Kosygin and the Tangled Roots of Détente

Readings:

LaFeber, chapter 11

Gaddis, chapter 4, all

Lundestad, chapter 4

Documents:

“Daisy Girl” LBJ Campaign TV Ad, 1964, at http://livingroomcandidate.movingimage.us/election/index.php?nav_action=election&nav_subaction=overview&campaign_id=168 (click on 2nd image from top on right side, left column, under heading, “Democrat”)

“Polish Record of Conversation between Polish Politburo member Zenon Kliszko and Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev, Moscow,” 1967, at http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=library.document&id=102095

The Brezhnev Doctrine, 1968, at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1968brezhnev.html>

WEEK TEN (11/6, 11/8—no office hour 11/7, Election Day):

1. The Era of Nixon and Kissinger: Détente's Heyday

Readings:

Gaddis, chapter 5, I-VII

Lundestad, chapter 6

Documents:

Meeting Between Secretary of State Kissinger, Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, and Their Respective Staffs, 1974 (11pp.), at

http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/publications/DOC_readers/kissinger/docs/03-01.htm

Pravda Report on the Helsinki Final Act, 1975, at

http://194.8.63.155/publications/sg/2005/07/15621_424_en.pdf

Charter 77 Manifesto, 1977, at

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cold.war/episodes/19/documents/charter.77/>

2. The View to and from Beijing, 1960s-80s

Reading:

Kirby, Introduction, chapters 3-5

Documents:

Secret Memorandum to President Nixon, "The Possibility of Soviet Strike Against Chinese Nuclear Facilities, 1969," at

<http://www.gwu.edu/%7Ensarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB49/sino.sov.19.pdf>

Memorandum of Conversation among Nixon, Kissinger, and Zhou en-Lai re US-China rapprochement (1972), at www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB106/NZ-3.pdf [pp.1-12]

Deng Xiaoping, "Uphold the Four Cardinal Principles," 1979, at

<http://www.wellesley.edu/Polisci/wj/China/Deng/principles.htm>

WEEK ELEVEN (11/13, 11/15):

1. Three-Way Tug of War in the Middle East, 1960s-80s (US-USSR-Islamists)

Reading:

Westad, chapter 7

Documents:

Top Secret Message from President Nixon to Secretary of State Kissinger re Yom

Kippur/October War, 1973, at <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB98/octwar-47.pdf>

Secret Memorandum, "Talking Points for Amb. Rumsfeld's Meeting with Tariq Aziz and

Saddam Hussein," 1983, at <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB82/iraq29.pdf>

2. Africa—Bleeding Pawn

Reading:

Westad, chapters 6-7

Documents:

“USA-Africa: New Data on Murder of Lumumba, 8/01/02,” at
http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Urgent_Action/apic080102.html

Kissinger-Brezhnev Discussion on Angola, 1976, at
http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/publications/DOC_readers/kissinger/item10.htm

WEEK TWELVE (11/20—no class 11/22, Thanksgiving):

Latin America—1960s-80s

Documents:

Meeting Minutes, The “Forty Committee” re Chile (National Security Advisor Kissinger, Chairman), 1970, at <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20001113/700909.pdf>

US Ambassador to Argentina’s Cable re “Dirty War” Massacres by Military Junta, at
<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB104/Doc1%20760920.pdf>

“The Storm Over Cuba,” *Time*, 9/17/79, at
<http://jcgi.pathfinder.com/time/magazine/printout/0,8816,920639,00.html>

E-mail from Col. Oliver North to National Security Advisor Poindexter re Panamanian President Manuel Noriega, 1986, at
<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB113/north07.pdf>

WEEK THIRTEEN (11/27, 11/29):

1. The Carter Years: New Challenges, Détente Unravels in an Era of “Malaise”

Readings:

LaFeber, chapter 12 (section on Jimmy Carter)
Gaddis, chapter 5, VIII, chapter 6, I-V

BBC Print and TV Report: “Carter Delays N-Bomb Deployment,”
http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/april/7/newsid_2523000/2523051.stm
(read story, view video)

Top-Secret Cable from Moscow to “Non-Fraternal” Soviet Embassies with Official Declaration Concerning Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan, 1979, at
http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=va2.document&identifier=5034D252-96B6-175C-966E7046CC862EE4&sort=Collection&item=Soviet%20Invasion%20of%20Afghanistan

2. Western Europe: Slowly Toward Economic and Political Union; Both Center and Periphery

Reading:

Lundestad, chapters 7-8

WEEK FOURTEEN (12/4, 12/6):

1. Ronald Reagan’s First Term, Sclerotic Soviet Leadership: Back in the Deep Freeze

Readings:

LaFeber, rest of chapter 12
Gaddis, chapter 6, VI

Documents:

Soviet First Secretary Brezhnev-Polish Leader Jaruzelski Communications Concerning Poland's Civil Unrest, October-November 1981, at <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cold.war/episodes/19/documents/brez.jaru/>

Frankie Goes To Hollywood, "Two Tribes," 1984, at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bH-UVMgjQ3g&mode=related&search=>

2. Gorbachev, Reagan and the Cold War's End

Reading:

Gaddis, chapter 6, VII, chapter 7, all

Documents:

Askold Krushelnycky, "Russians Knew that Chernobyl was Fatally Flawed, Even at the Design Stage," *Sydney Morning Herald*, 5/9/03, at <http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/05/08/1052280380105.html>

President Reagan's Berlin Wall Speech, 1987, at <http://www.c-span.org/executive/reagan.asp>
(scroll down to find link)

Memorandum of Conversation Between Soviet First Secretary Gorbachev and Hungarian First Secretary Grósz, March 1989, at http://www.coldwarfiles.org/files/Documents/19890323_conv_gorb_grosz.pdf

BBC TV Reports on the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Opening of the Brandenburg Gate, November-December 1989, at http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/november/9/newsid_2515000/2515869.stm and http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/december/22/newsid_2539000/2539765.stm (play videos on both sites)

WEEK FIFTEEN (12/11): Into the "Post-Cold War Era"

Readings:

LaFeber, chapter 13
Gaddis, Epilogue

Documents:

President Bush's "Chicken Kiev" Speech, 1991, at <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=19864>

"Rethinking the Unthinkable," *Washington Post*, 7/28/02, at <http://www.cdi.org/nuclear/rethinking.cfm>

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