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Lectures: TBA

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TAs Office Hours: \_\_\_\_\_, will begin to hold office hours during the 3d or 4th week of the semester at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

## EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE 1914

Thur 12 Jan: Introduction: The Problem of Sovereignty and the Great Power System

Reading: Kissinger chaps. 3-6.

Tues 17 Jan: The Origins of World War I, 1871-1914

Thur 19 Jan: Bloodbath: A "Technological Surprise" and Total War, 1914-1916

Reading: Kissinger chap. 7; Sheehan, prologue & chaps. 1-3.

Tues 24 Jan: War to End War: Wilson, Lenin, and the Clash of Ideologies, 1917-1918

Thur 26 Jan: A Broken World: Legacies of the Great War

Reading: Kissinger chap. 8; Sheehan, chap. 4; Canvas Items #1-2 (Fischer & McDougall).

Tues 31 Jan: Versailles: The Despised Peace, 1919

Thur 2 Feb: The Western Powers and the Russian Civil War, 1918-1923

Reading: Kissinger, chap. 9; Canvas Items #3-4 (Keylor & Mayer).

Tues 7 Feb: Revolt Against Versailles: Reparations, War Debts, and France's Triple Crisis, 1919-1923

Thur 9 Feb: *Ruhrkampf*: Desperation, Exhaustion, and Reconciliation At Last, 1919-1925

Reading: Kissinger chap. 10; Canvas Item #5 (McDougall).

Tues 14 Feb: Locarno Diplomacy: Hopeful Years Resting on Paper Money and Treaties, 1925-1929

Thur 16 Feb: Economic Blizzard: The Politics of Depression, 1929-1933

Reading: Kissinger chap 11; Canvas Item #6 (Pederson).

Tues 21 Feb: Fascist Revolutions and End of Versailles, 1933-1936

Thur 23 Feb: Deterring the Past: British Appeasement of Hitler, 1936-1938

Reading: Kissinger chap. 12; Sheehan, chap. 5; canvas Item #10 (Kershaw).

Tues 28 Feb: Technology and Geopolitics on the Eve of a Second World War – **1<sup>st</sup> ESSAY DUE**

Thur 2 Mar: *Blitzkrieg!* The Last European War, 1939-1941

Reading: Kissinger chaps. 13-14; Sheehan, chap. 6.

Tues 7 Mar: NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK

Thur 9 Mar: NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK

Tues 14 Mar: Diplomacy of the Grand (or Strange) Alliance, 1941-1945  
Thur 16 Mar: Another Despised Peace: Origins of the Cold War, 1945-1946  
Reading: Kissinger chaps. 15-17.

Tues 21 Mar: Germany and Europe Divided: Origins of the Atlantic Community, 1946-50  
Thur 23 Mar: From Korea to Suez: Origins of the European Community, 1950-1957  
Reading: Kissinger, chaps. 18; Canvas Items #13-14 (Gaddis & Lundestad).

OVERLEAF

Tues 28 Mar: Khrushchev, Sputnik, and Total Cold War, 1956-1961  
Thur 30 Mar: Europe In Search of a Role: The Welfare State, NATO, and Decolonization c. 1960  
Reading: Kissinger chaps. 19-20; Sheehan, chap. 7.

Tues 4 Apr: The Anxious Sixties: Europeans West and East Try to Escape the Cold War, 1961-68  
Thur 6 Apr: Détente, the Failed Experiment, 1969-1980  
Reading: Kissinger chaps. 21-23; Canvas Item #16 (Hitchcock).

Tues 11 Apr: Palimpsests of Freedom: Soviet Sclerosis and European Reveries, 1981-86  
Thur 13 Apr: "A Europe Whole and Free": the Stunning Collapse of the Soviet Bloc, 1986-1991  
Reading: Kissinger chap. 24, 28-29; Sheehan, chap. 8.

Tues 18 Apr: The European Union in a New World Order, 1991-2001 – **2<sup>nd</sup> ESSAY DUE**  
Thur 20 Apr: Will Europe Survive the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?  
Reading: Kissinger chaps. 30-31; Canvas Item #23 (Hitchcock).

Tues 25 Apr: Voluntary Review Session

TBA: FINAL EXAM

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Textbooks – Available at the Penn Bookstore, 36<sup>th</sup> and Walnut

Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy* (Simon & Schuster)

James Sheehan, *Where Have All the Soldiers Gone? The Transformation of Modern Europe* (Mariner)

Articles on Canvas Web Site:

1. Fritz Fischer, "German War Aims 1914-1918" in *War Aims and Strategic Policy in the Great War 1914-1918* (1977)
2. Walter A. McDougall, "French War Aims on the Eastern Frontier," in *France's Rhineland Diplomacy, 1914-1924* (1978)
3. William R. Keylor, "Versailles and International Diplomacy," in *The Treaty of Versailles: A Reassessment* (1998)
4. Arno J. Mayer, "The Problems of Peacemaking," in *European Diplomacy Between Two Wars, 1919-1939* (1972)
5. Walter A. McDougall, "French Structures for German Reintegration After Versailles," *Journal of Modern History* (1979)
6. Susan Pederson, "Back to the League of Nations," *The American Historical Review* 112 (2007)
7. Adam Ulam, "Transition, 1921-33," in *Expansion and Coexistence: The History of Soviet Foreign Policy* (1968)
8. Theodore H. Von Laue, "Soviet Diplomacy: G. V. Chicherin," in *The Diplomats 1919-1939* (1953)

9. Annelise Thimme, "Stresemann and Locarno," in *European Diplomacy Between Two Wars* (1972)
10. Ian Kershaw, "Nazi Foreign Policy," in *The Nazi Dictatorship: Problems and Perspectives of Interpretation*, 4 ed. (2000)
11. D.C. Watt, "Reluctant Warriors," in *Too Serious a Business: European Armed Forces and the Second World War* (1975)
12. Gerhard Weinberg, "The 'Final Solution' and the War in 1943," in *Germany, Hitler, and World War II* (1995)
13. John Lewis Gaddis, "Dividing the World," in *We Now Know: Rethinking the Cold War* (1997)
14. Geir Lundestad, "Empire by Invitation? The U.S. and Western Europe, 1945-1952," in *The Cold War in Europe* (1991)
15. Ronald J. Granieri, "The Chancellor and His Allies," in *The Ambivalent Alliance* (2003)
16. William I. Hitchcock, "Winds of Change: The End of the European Empires," in *The Struggle for Europe* (2003)
17. Michael Creswell & Marc Trachtenberg, "France and German Question, 1945-1955," in *Cold War Studies* (2003)
18. Marc Trachtenberg, "The Berlin Crisis," in *History and Strategy* (1991)
19. Frank Costigliola, "Kennedy, DeGaulle, and the Challenge of Consultation," in *DeGaulle and the United States* (1994)
20. Mark Kramer, "The Czechoslovak Crisis and the Brezhnev Doctrine," in *1968: The World Transformed* (1998)
21. Gottfried Niedhart, "Ostpolitik: The Role of Germany in the Process of Détente," in *1968: A World Transformed* (1998)
22. John Lewis Gaddis, "Elements of Stability," in *The Long Peace: Inquiries into the History of the Cold War* (1987)
23. William I. Hitchcock, "The European Revolutions 1989-1991," in *The Struggle for Europe* (2003)
24. Walter A. McDougall, "Will Europe Survive the Twenty-First Century?" *Foreign Policy Research Institute Essay* (2007)