



Course Code IREL-102/HIST-202	Course Title World History Since 1500	Credits (ECTS) 6
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Required	Field History	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer Hubert Faustmann
Mode of Deliver Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

1. Introduce and examine key events that have shaped the history of the world since 1500
2. Explain the rise of Europe to global dominance since 1500 and its decline in the 20th century
3. Examine the transformations of the international system since the 15th century
4. Introduce and understand various philosophical developments and conceptual models relevant to various historical events (Feudalism, Enlightenment, Liberal Democracy, Fascism, Communism, Globalisation)
5. Introduce and analyse global politics during the Cold War
6. Examine the Post-Cold War Era and our contemporary world

Learning Outcomes:

1. After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the main historical, political, social, economic and cultural developments of the world since 1500.
3. Illustrate knowledge of the historical roots of contemporary global realities.
4. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the development, rules and prevalent values of the modern international system.
5. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
6. Illustrate familiarity with the most important events/developments of the Post-Cold War era.
7. Analyze the historic significance of the topics covered.
8. Illustrate the ability to communicate in writing and orally on issues in European affairs and international relations and be able to organize the available time and cope with deadlines.
9. Use libraries, bibliographical material and academic research in an efficient manner.

10. Illustrate the ability to continue learning in a self-directed manner and work on an academic level within the intended professional field.
11. Report in the English language both orally and in written form at a high level of competence.

Course Contents and Weekly Schedule:

Part I

1. Introduction
2. The World in 1500
New Encounters: Imperialism, Exploration and the Creation of a World Market (pp. 334-344)
3. The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century (pp. 361-369)
Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment in the West (pp. 436-441)
4. Colonial Empires and the (American) Revolution in the Western Hemisphere (pp. 444-447)
The French Revolution (pp. 450-455)
5. The High Tide of Imperialism I (pp. 514-525)
The High Tide of Imperialism II (pp. 525-539)
6. The Road to World War I (pp. 566-568)
The Great War 1914-1918 (pp. 568-573 **and** 577-578, **not** the Peace Settlement)
7. The Russian Revolution and its Aftermath (pp. 574-577)
The Peace Settlement after the Great War (pp. 578-580)
8. Retreat from Democracy: Dictatorial Regimes (pp. 617-620)

Part II

- The Path to World War II (pp. 620-624)
9. World War II: The War Against Germany and its Allies and the Cost of War (pp. 624, 626-635) (do not cover Asia!)
World War II: The War Against Japan (pp. 624-626-637) (do not cover the war in Europe!) and the Costs of War in Asia
10. The Collapse of the Grand Alliance (pp. 645-651)
Cold War in Asia (pp. 651-656)

11. From Confrontation to Coexistence (pp. 656-663)
The Era of Equivalence (pp. 663-666)
12. The Post-war Soviet Union and the Disintegration of the Soviet Empire (pp. 671-680)
China in the 19th and 20th Century (pp. 541-551, 601-605, 680-685 and 775)
13. Japan in the 19th and 20th Century (pp. 553-562 and 605-609, 767-771)
Decolonisation and the Era of Independence in Africa (pp. 723-731)
14. Final Exam

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Student Presentations, Question and Answers, Discussions and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Final Examination, Essay, 2 presentations, participation, attendance

Required Textbook:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
William J. Duiker/Jackson J. Spielvogel	The Essential World History. Vol. II. Since 1500. 6 th Edition	Wadsworth	2011	0-495-90296-9

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
J.M. Roberts	The New Penguin History of the World	Penguin	2008	9780141030425
Richard Goff et al	The Twentieth History: and Beyond. A Global History	MacGraw-Hill	2007	978-0-070-320692-9
P.M.H. Bell	The World since 1945	Arnold	2001	0-340-66236-0
J.M. Roberts	The Penguin History of the Twentieth Century	Penguin	1999	0-14-027631-9
Henry Kissinger	Diplomacy	Touchstone	1994	0-671-51099-1
Clive Ponting	World History	Pimlico	2000	0-7126-6572-2
John Merriman	Modern Europe. From the Renaissance to the Present	W.W. Norton	2009	978-0-393-93433-5