

HIST 5195-003 Readings in International and Global History

Professor Brad Simpson, Spring 2017

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WOOD 4A

Course Description and Objectives:

This seminar will examine global and international history during the twentieth century from a variety of methodological and theoretical approaches. Its purpose is to survey some of the most innovative recent scholarship in the field (and a few that should cause us to think more critically about how we approach the field), work informed by considerations of gender, race, ideology, culture, development, domestic politics, international relations theory, political economy and recently released archival material from the former socialist bloc, some of which goes well beyond existing conceptions of foreign relations history. This course should be of interest to graduate students pursuing a project in US foreign relations, regional history, or international, transnational, and global history or seeking analytic purchase in such histories for their dissertation.

For half of the semester (7 weeks) students will prepare a 2-3 page paper as a way of getting discussion going. Please bring copies of your paper to class and post them on the blackboard site. In these short papers the emphasis should be first on explaining the main points of the reading, and secondarily on offering a critique of those points. "Critique" does not mean tearing a book apart, but assessing a book's value, its importance, its place in the literature, and after that, what more we might have expected from it.

Final Paper: Students will prepare a substantial review essay (15-20 pp) on a thematic topic of your choice in the field of international history or U.S. foreign relations, subject to instructor approval. Essays will critically engage the evidence, methodology and theoretical approach of six or more books (or fewer books and a number of articles) grouped around the same theme. I will provide you with examples.

Students can begin to familiarize themselves with some of the main problems and questions in the field by consulting some of the key journals: *Diplomatic History*, *Journal of Global History*, *Journal of Globalization Studies*, *Cold War History*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *International History Review*, *International Review of Social History*, *Journal of Contemporary History*.

Books to get:

Sebastian Conrad, *What is Global History?* (Princeton, 2016)

Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*

Sam Moyn, Andrew Sartori, Editors. *Global Intellectual History* (Columbia Studies in International and Global History)

Pacific Histories: Ocean, Land, People, Edited By David Armitage and Alison Bashford

Gregory Cushman, *Guano and the Opening of the Pacific World: A Global Ecological History*

Vanessa Ogle, *The Global Transformation of Time: 1870–1950*

Susan Pedersen, *The Guardians: The League of Nations and the Crisis of Empire*

Sven Beckert, *Empire of Cotton: A Global History*

Paul Chamberlain, *The Global Offensive: The United States, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the Making of the Post-Cold War Order*

Nick Cullather: *The Hungry World: America's Cold War Battle Against Hunger in Asia*

Matthew Connelly, *Fatal Misconception: The Struggle to Control World Population* (2007)

Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of our Time* (2006)

Mark Bradley, *The World Reimagined: Americans and Human Rights in the Twentieth Century*

Readings: You will be responsible for the readings each week. Any readings not in the bookstore (Such as the readings on oil) will be available through the blackboard site.

1. **Week 1 Conceptualizing global and International History** - Periodization, temporality, immigration, networks, environment, decolonization, development, ideas, oil, culture

Sebastian Conrad, *What is Global History?*

AHR Conversation: On Transnational History, *The American Historical Review* (2006) 111 (5): 1441-1464

<https://faculty.utep.edu/LinkClick.aspx?link=ahr.111.5.pdf&tabid=54097&mid=120056>

Michael Geyer and Charles Bright, "Where in the World is America? The History of the United States in the Global Age," in Thomas Bender (ed.), *Rethinking American History in a Global Age* (2002), 63-99

Michael Geyer and Charles Blight, "World History in a Global Age," *American Historical Review*, 100/4 (1995): 1034-60

Recommended

AG Hopkins, ed. *Global History: Interactions Between the Universal and the Local*

Akira Iriye, *Global and Transnational History: The Past, Present, and Future*

2. Week 2 Political Economy

Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*

Recommended:

Jeffrey Frieden, *Global Capitalism: Its Fall and Rise in the Twentieth Century*

Barry Eichengreen, *Globalizing Capital: A History of the International Monetary System*

3. Week 3 Intellectual History

Sam Moyn, Andrew Sartori, Editors. *Global Intellectual History* (Columbia Studies in International and Global History)

4. Week 4 Regional History

Pacific Histories: Ocean, Land, People, Edited By David Armitage and Alison Bashford

Recommended:

The Indian Ocean in World History, Edward A. Alpers

The Great Sea: A Human History of the Mediterranean, David Abulafia

Sugata Bose, *A Hundred Horizons: The Indian Ocean in the Age of Global Empire*

Bernard Bailyn, *Atlantic History: Concept and Contours*

5. Week 5 Environmental History

Gregory Cushman, *Guano and the Opening of the Pacific World: A Global Ecological History*

Recommended:

Nation-States and the Global Environment: New Approaches to International Environmental History, by Erika Marie Bsumek (Editor), David Kinkela (Editor), Mark Atwood Lawrence (Editor)

6. Week 6 Exchange, Networks

Vanessa Ogle, *The Global Transformation of Time: 1870–1950*

Recommended:

Stephen Kern, *The Culture of Time and Space 1880-1918* (1983), intro, 5, 8

Gordon M. Winder, "London's Global Reach? Reuters News and Network, 1865, 1881, and 1914," *Journal of World History*, 21/2 (2010): 271-96

Adam McKeown, "Global Migration, 1846-1940," *Journal of World History*, 15/2 (2004): 155-90

Philip D. Curtin, "Africa and Global Patterns of Migration," in Wang Gungwu (ed.), *Global Patterns of Migration* (1997): 63-94

Ziad Munson, "Islamic Mobilization: Social Movement Theory and the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood," *Sociological Quarterly*, 42/4 (2001): 487-510

Daniel Rodgers, *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age* (1998), 1-2, 5-6

7. Week 7 Colonialism/Empire

Susan Pedersen, *The Guardians: The League of Nations and the Crisis of Empire*

Recommended:

Haunted by Empire: Geographies of Intimacy in North American History. Editor(s): Ann Laura Stoler

Frederick Cooper, Ann Laura Stoler, eds., *Tensions of Empire: Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997)

8. Week 8 Decolonization

Paul Chamberlain, *The Global Offensive: The United States, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the Making of the Post-Cold War Order*

Recommended:

Mark Bradley, *Imagining Vietnam & America: The Making of Postcolonial Vietnam, 1919-1950* (2000)

Erez Manela, *The Wilsonian Moment: Self-Determination and the International Origins of Anticolonial Nationalism* (2007)

Decolonization: Perspectives from Now and Then, [Prasenjit Duara](#) (Editor)

A Diplomatic Revolution: Algeria's Fight for Independence and the Origins of the Post-Cold War Era, Matthew Connelly

Stephen Kotkin, *Armageddon Averted*

Mark Atwood Lawrence, *Assuming the Burden: Europe and the American Commitment to War in Vietnam*

9. Week 9 Development

Nick Cullather: *The Hungry World: America's Cold War Battle Against Hunger in Asia*

Recommended:

Diplomatic History, April 2009, Articles on Modernization as a global project

Latham, et al. *Staging Growth, Modernization, Development and the Global Cold War*

James Scott, *Seeing Like the State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed* (1998)

James Ferguson, *Anti-Politics Machine: Development, Depoliticization, and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho*

10. Week 10 Nongovernmental organizations

Matthew Connelly, *Fatal Misconception: The Struggle to Control World Population* (2007)

Barbara Keys chapter on NGOs from *Explaining the History of American Foreign Relations*

11. Week 11 Commodities

Sven Beckert, *Empire of Cotton: A Global History*

“Prohibition as Superiority: Policing Opium in South-East Asia, 1898-1925,” Anne L. Foster, *The International History Review*, Vol. 22, No. 2, Jun., 2000, 253-273

Steve Gootenberg, *Andean Cocaine: The Making of a Global Drug* (2009), Intro

Recommended:

Stephen Topic, et al, *From Silver to Cocaine: Latin American Commodity Chains and the Building of the World Economy, 1500-2000*

Pomeranz and Topik, *The World that Trade Created: Society, Culture and the World Economy, 1400-present*, ch. 3, 4, 6, 7

Anne Foster, *Projections of Power: The United States and Europe in Colonial Southeast Asia, 1919–1941*

Steve Gootenberg, *Andean Cocaine: The Making of a Global Drug* (2009)

12. Week 12 Oil and the World Energy Regime

Gregory P. Nowell, *Mercantile States and the World Oil Cartel 1930-1939* (1994), 2-4, concl.

David S. Painter, *Oil and the American Century: the Political Economy of U.S. Foreign Oil Policy, 1941-1954* (1986), 1, 6-7, concl.

Alfred Chandler, Jr. and Bruce Mazlish (eds.), *Leviathans: Multinational Corporations and the New Global History* (2005), 2-3

Vitalis, Robert. “Black Gold, White Crude: An Essay on American Exceptionalism, Hierarchy, and Hegemony in the Gulf.” *Diplomatic History* 26, no. 2 (April 1, 2002): 185–213.

13. Week 13 The Cold War

Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of our Time* (2006)

Recommended:

The Cambridge History of the Cold War – 3 vols.

Piero Gleijeses, *Conflicting Missions: Havana, Washington, and Africa, 1959-1976*.
Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002

Gil Joseph, ed, In from the Cold: Latin America's New Encounter with the Cold War (2007)

14. Week 14 Human Rights

Mark Bradley, *The World Reimagined: Americans and Human Rights in the Twentieth Century*

Recommended:

The Breakthrough Human Rights in the 1970s. Jan Eckel and Samuel Moyn, Editors

Sam Moyn, *The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History*

Quataert, Jean H. *Advocating Dignity: Human Rights Mobilizations in Global Politics* (2009).

Keck and Sikkink. *Activists Beyond Borders*

Akira Iriye. *Global Community: The Role of International Organizations in the Making of the Contemporary World* (2003)