HIST 5195-003 Readings in International and Global History

Professor Brad Simpson, Spring 2017

Mo 4:30PM - 7:30PM 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.


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*


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*


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?*

   [https://faculty.utep.edu/LinkClick.aspx?link=ahr.111.5.pdf&tabid=54097&mid=120056](https://faculty.utep.edu/LinkClick.aspx?link=ahr.111.5.pdf&tabid=54097&mid=120056)


   **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:**
6. **Week 6 Exchange, Networks**


**Recommended:**


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:


*Decolonization: Perspectives from Now and Then*, Prasenjit Duara (Editor)


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

10. Week 10 Nongovernmental organizations


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*


**Recommended:**


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*


12. Week 12 Oil and the World Energy Regime


13. Week 13 The Cold War

**Recommended:**


*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*


Keck and Sikkink. *Activists Beyond Borders*