The Global Cold War
History 601 / Spring 2010

This reading seminar will tackle literature on the "new" Cold War history, with particular reference to several trends: "peripheral" readings of the Cold War; the politics of economic development; and the use of Soviet bloc archives to shed new light on familiar Cold War episodes. The overarching goal is to expose students to research prospects in the dynamic field of international history.

Course Requirements and Policies

As in any graduate course, regular attendance and participation is expected as a matter of course. Students are allowed one pre-arranged absence for the semester. In case of illness, please contact me as soon as you become aware of your condition.

To ensure the best use of our seminar time, all students will be required to submit two discussion questions to me in advance of each class session (due by Mondays at noon). I will edit these questions and distribute them to the class as a kind of "agenda" for that session's discussion.

The course grade will be calculated as follows: 40% for class participation, and 60% for the final paper. Students are responsible for seeking regular consultation concerning the final paper, whether during office hours or by appointment. My office hours in UNIV 328 will run on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30, with appointments possible also on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons. The phone number there is (765) 494-4160, but it's usually easiest to catch me via e-mail at <wggray@purdue.edu>.

Your final paper assignment will involve a fifteen-page exploration of the historiography of some facet of the Cold War experience. My hope is that you will use this paper, as any graduate school paper, to advance your understanding of the broader themes you have set out to study in this program.

Two shorter assignments will also be due. The first is an "encyclopedia analysis," asking you to evaluate a recently published guide to the "New Cold War History." It will be due Tuesday, Jan. 19 by 5:00 pm (electronic submissions will be accepted). The second is a preliminary bibliography for your historiographic essay, due Monday, March 1 in class. These two assignments will factor into your participation grade.

Course Readings and Class Schedule

Please note: all of the materials listed on the following pages will be made available either on 24-hour reserve in the library (in the case of whole books), as PDFs (in the case of book chapters), or on-line (in the case of journal articles). In the event that you choose to purchase any of the full books assigned below, complete ordering information appears as relevant.

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE (Jan. 11)

Encyclopedia assignment introduced (due Tuesday, Jan. 19)

Historiographic essay introduced (due at semester's end)

II. GRAND NARRATIVES I: GADDIS AND HIS CRITICS (Jan. 25)

John Lewis Gaddis, *The Cold War: A New History* (New York: Penguin, 2005). ISBN-13 (paper): 978-0143038276. ($10.88 on amazon)

Tony Judt, "A Story Still To Be Told," *New York Review of Books*, Vol. 53, no. 6 (March 23, 2006).

David Painter, "A Partial History of the Cold War," *Cold War History* 6, 4 (November 2006), 527-534.

Geir Lundestad, "The Cold War According to John Gaddis," *CWH* (as above), 535-542.

Gaddis, Response, *CWH* 7, 1 (February 2007), 117-120.

III. GRAND NARRATIVES II: THE SOVIET EXPERIENCE (Feb. 1)

Vladislav M. Zubok, *A Failed Empire: The Soviet Union in the Cold War from Stalin to Gorbachev* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008). ISBN-13 (paper): 978-0-80785-958-2. ($20.65 on amazon)

Jonathan Haslam, "Collecting and Assembling Pieces of the Jigsaw: Coping with Cold War Archives," *Cold War History* 4, 3 (April 2004): 140-152.

Yegorova, "Russian Archives: Prospects for Cold War Studies," *CWH* 6, 4 (November 2006): 543-548.

IV. THE POLITICS OF NON-ALIGNMENT (Feb. 8)

Aleksandr Fursenko and Timothy Naftali, *Khrushchev's Cold War: The Inside Story of an American Adversary* (New York: Norton, 2006). ISBN-13 (paper): 978-0-39333-072-4. ($15.56 on amazon), pp. 5-184

Itty Abraham, "From Bandung to NAM: Non-Alignment and Indian Foreign Policy, 1947-1965," *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* 46, 2 (April 2008): 195–219

Jian Chen, "Bridging Revolution and Decolonization: The 'Bandung Discourse' in China's Early Cold War Experience," *Chinese Historical Review* 15, 2 (2008): 207-241

Jason Parker, "Cold War II: The Eisenhower Administration, the Bandung Conference, and the Reperiodization of the Postwar Era," *Diplomatic History* 30, 5 (November 2006): 867-892.

V. CRISIS POINTS: HUNGARY (Feb. 15)

Charles Gati, *Failed Illusions: Moscow, Washington, Budapest, and the 1956 Hungarian Revolt* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006). ISBN-13 (paper): 978-0-80475-964-9. ($15.56 on amazon)

VI. CRISIS POINTS: ALGERIA (Feb. 22)

Matthew Connelly, *A Diplomatic Revolution: Algeria's Fight for Independence and the Origins of the Post-Cold War Era* (New York: Oxford, 2002). ISBN-13 (paper): 978-0195170955. ($35.00 on amazon)

VII. CRISIS POINTS: KHRUSHCHEV AT HIS PEAK (March 1) – Prelim bibliographies due!

Fursenko and Naftali, *Khrushchev's Cold War* (as above), pp. 185-213, 292-387, 438-492

VIII. ECONOMIC DIMENSIONS: THE MODERNIZATION PARADIGM (March 8)

Ragna Boden, "Cold War Economics: Soviet Aid to Indonesia," *Journal of Cold War Studies* 10, 3 (Summer 2008): 110-128.

Jeremy Kuzmarov, "Modernizing Repression: Police Training, Political Violence, and Nation-Building in the 'American Century,'" *Diplomatic History* 33, 2 (April 2009): 191-221

David C. Engerman and Corinna R. Unger, "Introduction: Towards a Global History of Modernization," *Diplomatic History*, 33, 3 (June 2009): 375-385

Jeffrey James Byrne, "Our Own Special Brand of Socialism: Algeria and the Contest of Modernities in the 1960s," ibid., 427-447

Daniel Speich, "The Kenyan Style of 'African Socialism': Developmental Knowledge Claims and the Explanatory Limits of the Cold War," ibid., 449-466

Brad Simpson, "Indonesia's 'Accelerated Modernization' and the Global Discourse of Development, 1960–1975," ibid., 467-486

Massimiliano Trentin, "Modernization as State Building: The Two Germanies in Syria, 1963–1972," ibid., 487-505

Nick Cullather, "Commentary: The Third Race," ibid., 507-512

IX. UNCOMFORTABLE ALLIES I: EUROPEANS IN THE "CRUCIAL DECADE" (March 22)

Jeffrey G. Giauque, "Offers of Partnership or Bids for Hegemony? The Atlantic Community, 1961-1963," *International History Review* 22, 1 (2000): 86-111.

Diane B. Kunz, "Cold War Dollar Diplomacy: The Other Side of Containment," in Kunz, ed., *The Diplomacy of the Crucial Decade: American Foreign Relations During the 1960s* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1994), 80-114.

Yukiko Torikata, "Reexamining de Gaulle's Peace Initiative on the Vietnam War," *Diplomatic History* 31, 5 (November 2007): 909-938.

Eugenie M. Blang, "A Reappraisal of Germany's Vietnam Policy, 1963-1966: Ludwig Erhard's Response to America's War in Vietnam," *German Studies Review* 27, 2 (2004): 341-360.

Frédéric Bozo, "Détente Versus Alliance: France, the United States and the Politics of the Harmel Report (1964-1968)," *Contemporary European History* 7, 3 (1998): 343-360.

Thomas Alan Schwartz, "The De Gaulle Challenge: The Johnson Administration and the NATO Crisis of 1966–1967," in Helga Haftendorn et al, eds., *The Strategic Triangle: France, Germany, and the United States in the Shaping of the New Europe* (Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2007)

Hal Brands, "Non-Proliferation and the Dynamics of the Middle Cold War: The Superpowers, the MLF, and the NPT," *CWH* 7, 3 (August 2007): 389-423.

X. UNCOMFORTABLE ALLIES II: THE SOVIET BLOC (March 29)

Lorenz Lüthi, *The Sino-Soviet Split: Cold War in the Communist World* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008). ISBN-13 (paper): 978-0-69113-590-8. ($24.47 on amazon)

David R. Stone, "CMEA's International Investment Bank and the Crisis of Developed Socialism," *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (Summer 2008): 48-77.

XI. THE COLD WAR AND THE MIDDLE EAST (April 5)

Yaacov Ro'i and Boris Morozov, eds., *The Soviet Union and the June 1967 Six Day War* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008). [Note: this volume is overly pricy ($60.00) so we will take extraordinary measures to make this text available.]

Douglas Little, "Mission Impossible: The CIA and the Cult of Covert Action in the Middle East," *Diplomatic History* 28, 5 (November 2004): 663-701.

Salim Yaqub, "Imperious Doctrines: U.S.-Arab Relations from Dwight D. Eisenhower to George W. Bush," *DH* 26, 4 (2002): 571-592.

XII. NIXON AND DÉTENTE (April 12)

Fredrik Logevall and Andrew Preston, eds., *Nixon in the World: American Foreign Relations, 1969-1977*. New York: Oxford, 2008. ISBN-13 (paper): 978-0195315363. ($21.40 on amazon)

XIII. FLASHPOINTS OF THE 1970S (April 19)

Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006). ISBN-13 (paper): 978-0-52170-314-7 ($15.59 on amazon)

Peiro Gleijeses, "Moscow's Proxy? Cuba and Africa 1975-1988," *Journal of Cold War Studies* 8, 4 (Fall 2006): 98-146.