

Ambedkar University Delhi
Course Outline SUS1HS435/H14 – Wars and Revolutions in the 20th Century
BA Hons. History | School of Undergraduate Studies| Winter Semester, 2019

Semester to which offered: VI

Type of Course: Compulsory: No

Cohort BA (H) History

Elective: Yes

Cohort BA (H) other than History

For SUS only (Mark an X for as many as appropriate):

1. Foundation (Compulsory)
2. Foundation (Elective)
3. Discipline (Elective) X
4. Elective X

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Course Credits: 4

Pre-requisites: None

Aim:

This course shall focus on the emergence of a new world order in the 20th century. Various events influenced this development. The two world wars played a crucial role in shaping the contemporary world. The course shall closely examine the origin, course and consequences of these two wars. The course would try and analyse the scale and complexity of the First World War. This war was unique in multiple ways: its use of technology, the scale of devastation, and loss of human life.

We would further explore the nature of the Russian and Chinese Revolutions. The diplomatic efforts made after the First World War, focused on preventing similar war in future, but as we know these significantly contributed to the Second World War. The role of the rise of Fascism and Nazism is equally important in understanding the origin of Second World War. Aggressive nationalism, coupled with suspicion, competitive capitalism and imperialism led to the Second World War. These components related to the war shall be analysed in all its dimensions.

The course shall end with examining these changes that emerged at the end of the Second World War with a detailed discussion on Cold war, European reconstruction and rise of Non-alignment. Towards the end, we would try and understand the Korean and Vietnamese war and further examine the end of Cold war leading way to the emergence of unipolar world.

Brief description of modules/ Main modules:

1. World War I: Causes, Course and Consequences
2. Europe after WWI: Compromises and Uncertainties
3. Russia in Revolution: Crisis, Reforms and Consequences
5. Chinese Revolution: Shifts in Power
6. The Years between the Wars: rise and fall of Fascism and Nazism
7. World War II: Causes, Events and Effects

8. Europe in the Cold War Era: the rise of two super powers
9. Korean and Vietnamese wars
11. The Non-alignment Movement
12. Changing Patterns of World Power: Disintegration of the USSR, End of the Cold War and the Emergence of Unipolar World.

Reading List:

1. **C. A. Bayly. *The Birth of Modern World, 1780-1914*, Blackwell, 2004.**
2. **N. Davies. *Europe: A History*, New York, Harper Perennial, 1998.**
3. E.J. Hobsbawm. *Age of Empire*, London, Abacus, 2003.
4. **E.J. Hobsbawm. *Age of Extremes*, New York, Vintage Books, 1996.**
5. Michael Howard. *Empires, Nations and Wars*, Spell mount, 2007.
6. M. Perry. *An Intellectual History of Modern Europe*, Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1993.
7. Joll, J. *Europe since 1870: An International History*. London: Penguin, 1970.
8. Merriman, J. *History of Modern Europe, Volume 2: From the French Revolution to the Present*. New York: WW Norton and Company 2004.
9. **Martin Pugh, ed. *A Companion to Modern European History, 1871-1945*, Blackwell, 1997.**
10. Annette F. Timm and Joshua A. Sanborn. *Gender, Sex and the Shaping of Modern Europe*, Berg, 2007.
11. **Stanley G. Payne. *A History of Fascism, 1914-1945*, Routledge, 2005.**
12. **Arjun Dev and Indira Arjun Dev. *History of the World*, Orient Blackswan, 2010.**
13. Gordon Martel, ed. *A Companion to Europe, 1900-1945*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.
14. **Rex Wade. *The Russian Revolution 1917*, CUP, 2005.**
15. Sheila Fitzpatrick, Ed. *The Cultural Revolution in Russia, 1928-31*, Indiana University Press, 1978.
16. John Lewis Gaddis. *The Cold War: A New History*, NY, Penguin Press, 2005.
17. Martin Walker. *The Cold War: A New History*, Holt Paperbacks, 1995.
18. Stephen Lovell. *Destination in Doubt: Russia Since 1989*, Zed Book, London, 2009.
19. Patricia Buckley Ebrey. *Cambridge Illustrated History of China*, CUP, 2005.
20. Jeffery Wasserstorm. *Twentieth Century China: New Approaches*, Routledge, 2002.
21. Martyn Housden. *Hitler, Study of a Revolutionary?* Routledge, 2000.
22. Patricia Knight. *Mussolini and Fascism*, Routledge, 2003.
23. William Stueck. *The Korean War: An International History*, Princeton University Press, 1997.
24. Odd, A. Westad. *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of our Times*, CUP, 2005.
25. Phillip M Bell and M. Gilbert. *The World Since 1945: An International History*, Bloomsbury Academic, 2017.

Tentative Assessment Schedule with details of weightage:

S. No	Assessment Type	Date/Period	Weightage
1.	Home Assignment/Class Presentation	First Week of February	30%
2.	Home Assignment	Second Week of March	30%
3.	End Semester Exam	As per SUS schedule	40%

