

## International History

Academic year 2020-2021

### Transatlantic Relations since 1945

#### HI094 - Printemps - 6 ECTS

Wednesday 10h15 - 12h00

### Course Description

This course examines the cultural, economic, political and security aspects of the American-West European relationship since the end of the Second World War. Within the context of broader international developments from the end of World War II to the post-Cold War era, the course will explore the patterns of co-operation, competition, and conflict that have characterized the transatlantic relationship.

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## Syllabus

### REQUIREMENTS

The seminar will be designed around weekly readings (articles, chapters of monographs, and documents) on specific themes (indicated below). Active participation and engagement are indispensable for students attending this seminar.

### ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:

- A **research paper** on a specific theme issue on transatlantic relations; 3-4,000 words (footnotes included). **40% of the final grade.**
- A document exercise (details to come): **20% of the final grade**
- Each student will act as a **commentator of 1-2 texts** from the weekly readings. This will hold **20% of the final grade**
- **Active class participation** will constitute **20% of the final grade.**

### DEADLINES:

Document exercise (details to come) must be submitted on March 26 (FRIDAY) at 23.59.59  
 Paper drafts including a summary/abstract of the final paper, key research questions and list of sources must be submitted by April 30 (FRIDAY) at 23.59.59  
 Final papers must be submitted by June 4 (FRIDAY) at 23.59.59

**OUTLINE OF TOPICS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**FEBRUARY 24      INTRODUCTION: THE TRANSATLANTIC SPACE**

**MARCH 3            THE LONG DUREE**

**MARCH 10         DIVISION OF EUROPE**

**MARCH 17         UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

**MARCH 24         THE END OF EMPIRE(s)**

**MARCH 31         DOCUMENT EXERCISE DISCUSSION**

**\*\*\*\*\*EASTER BREAK\*\*\*\*\***

**APRIL 14          ‘FREE WORLD’: CULTURAL COLD WAR, COLD WAR CULTURE**

**APRIL 21          TRANSFORMATIONS: DÉTENTE AND THE LONG 1970S**

**APRIL 28          VICTORY? THE END OF THE COLD WAR**

**MAY 5              DISCUSSION OF PAPER TOPICS**

**MAY 12            ‘WE ARE ALL AMERICANS’: WAR ON TERROR**

**MAY 19            THE GREAT RECESSION & POPULISM**

**MAY 26            2020 – A REALLY LOOOOONG YEAR**

**JUNE 2             CONCLUSIONS**

**Key texts (useful for most topics)**

Mary Nolan, *The Transatlantic Century: Europe and America, 1890 – 2010*

Simon Reid-Henry, *Empire of Democracy: The Remaking of the West Since the Cold War, 1971-2017*

Jussi Hanhimäki, Benedikt Schoenborn and Barbara Zanchetta, *Transatlantic Relations since 1945: An Introduction*

Geir Lundestad, *United States and Western Europe: From Empire by Invitation to Transatlantic Drift*

Jussi Hanhimäki, Georges-Henri Soutou and Basil Germond, *The Routledge Handbook of Transatlantic Security*

**NB: A detailed reading list will be provided at the beginning of the course**