

Course: POLITICAL HISTORY OF EUROPE

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Language of Instruction: English

Syllabus:

The subject presents an overview of the political evolution of Europe during the 20th century. A period in the history of Europe split in two by a series of hecatombs nucleated around the two world wars. This situation led the emergence and development of new historical base processes such as European integration in the context of the cold war.

The end of the bipolar conflict, by allowing the reunion of the two artificially separated halves of the continent, encouraged at the end of the 20th century hopes of reformulation of a European project in an integrative and social democratic key. A project, however, which was strongly questioned at the beginning of the 21st century, under the impact of the new geostrategic, economic and cultural dynamics on a global scale, the advances and contradictions of globalization in its neoliberal version.

- 1. War and Revolution. The collapses of democracy (1914-1945):** The Great War and its consequences. The Russian revolution of 1917. The failure of liberalism and the crisis of parliamentary systems. Soviet communism: the Stalinist model and the years of terror. The fascisms: Mussolini's Italy. German Nazism and the Volksgemeinschaft of the III Reich. The Second war world.
- 2. The rules of the Cold War (1945-1989):** Post-war Europe. Liberal democracies versus popular democracies. The European postwar model: European construction and social market economy. The Soviet model and the communist bloc: the crisis of state socialism and the fall of popular democracies.
- 3. The cold postwar period in Europe (1989-2007):** The new European architecture. The enlargements of NATO and the EU. The wars of the Balkans. Post-Soviet Russia and the "next foreigner". The European Union: from Maastricht to Euro. The *Great Recession* and the euro zone crisis.
- 4. The crisis of the European model (2007-2020):** Europe and the new global governance: the crisis of the liberal order. The end of the European social model: neoliberalism, deregulation, privatization and... Inequality. Democratic deficits and problems of political legitimacy in the European public space: The return of nationalisms and the populisms.

References:

- EuroDocs. Online Sources for European History - https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page
- European Data Portal - <https://www.europeandataportal.eu/>
- European History Primary Sources. EUI - <http://primary-sources.eui.eu/>
- European History Online - <http://ieg-ego.eu/>

- European History Institute Virtual Library European History Project - <http://vlib.iue.it/history/index.html>
- European Values Study - <http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu/>
- European Biblioteca digital europea - <https://www.europeana.eu>
- The European Library - <http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org>

Evaluation: I consider three options to be discussed in order to meet the University criteria and the goals of the students

- (A) Final Exam (50%) and short questions in class (50%)
- (B) Final Exam (50%) and term paper and presentation in class (50%)
- (C) Final Exam (100%)

Main Course Reading Materials:

- APPLEBAUM, Anne, *El telón de acero: la destrucción de Europa del Este, 1944-1956*, Barcelona, Debate, 2017.
- CARRÈRE D'ENCAUSSE, Hélène, *Seis años que cambiaron el mundo. La caída del imperio soviético 1985-1991*, Barcelona, Ariel, 2016.
- JARAUSCH, Konrad, *Out of Ashes. A New History of Europe in the Twentieth Century*, Princeton / Oxford, Princeton University Press, 2015.
- KRASSTEV, Ivan: *After Europe*, Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017.
- KRASSTEV, Ivan y HOLMES, Stephan; *La luz que se apaga. Cómo Occidente ganó la Guerra Fría pero perdió la paz*, Barcelona, Debate, 2019
- KERSHAW, Ian: *Descenso a los infiernos. Europa 1914-1949*, Barcelona, Crítica, 2016.
- KERSHAW, Ian: *Ascenso y crisis. Europa 1950-2017. Un camino incierto*, Barcelona, Crítica, 2019.
- JUDT, Tony, *Postguerra. Una historia de Europa*, Madrid, Taurus, 2006.
- MORENO JUSTE, Antonio y NÚÑEZ PEÑAS, Vanessa, *Historia de la construcción europea desde 1945*, Madrid, Alianza, 2017.
- THER, Philipp, *Europe since 1989: A History*, Princeton, University Press, 2016.