

IR 369

International Relations in Contemporary Europe

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Course Description and Objectives

The course provides an overview of international politics in Europe since 1945. Particular focus is paid to the historical development, decision-making processes, current dynamics and future prospects of two key regional organizations: the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The course also examines the U.S. relationship with these institutions and to Europe as a whole.

There are two principal course objectives: 1.) To sharpen understanding of the overall forces that have shaped and will continue to shape the European region as well as their geopolitical implications; and 2.) To help develop critical thinking and analytical skills applicable to a range of issues in international relations.

Course Requirements

1.) *“Eighty percent of success is showing up.”*

Attend class frequently and punctually, participate actively in class discussions, and stay current with all of the assigned readings. The class roll will be taken at the beginning of each class, and occasional quizzes conducted about the readings. A lot of material will be discussed in class that is not covered in the readings. In turn, the readings will amplify and extend many of the important points reviewed in class. The instructor also has the nasty habit of calling randomly on people to answer questions about the readings and he will expect you to be able to discuss them intelligently.

2.) Write a short, crisply-worded policy memo about the future of the U.S.-European relationship. The memo, which will require you to do some independent research, is **due at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 3.** Construct the memo in the following way:

You are the chief foreign policy adviser to one of the candidates running in the 2008 U.S. presidential campaign. Your candidate has asked you for a concise, to-

the-point memo (7-8 doubled-spaced pages in length) outlining your views and recommendations on the following question:

Some two decades after the collapse of the Soviet Union, has the time now come to end, or at least fundamentally reshape, the transatlantic relationship? In particular, does the United States still need the same close strategic relationship with Europe that it had during the Cold War? And should the United States give continued support to the process of European integration?

If you agree that the United States should continue with the basic contours of its post-1945 approach toward Europe, how would you recommend renewing transatlantic relations? If you believe that an entirely new course is necessary, how should the United States adjust its approach to Europe?

- 3.) Complete a take-home final examination, which will require you to write two short analytical essays each no more than 5 pages in length. The exam is **due at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.**

Grading

- Attendance and class participation: 20 percent
- “Memorandum” paper: 30 percent
- Final Exam: 50 percent

Topics and Readings

* Available via the “eJournals” portal of the USC Libraries web site, <http://www.usc.edu/libraries/>. Other materials are available on the course’s Blackboard site (blackboard.usc.edu) or at the web sites listed below.

I.) Europe’s Institutional Framework

Peruse the web sites of the European Union, NATO, and the OSCE

- http://europa.eu/index_en.htm (particularly the “EU at a glance,” institutions and activities sections)
- <http://www.eurunion.org> (website of the Delegation of the European Commission to the United States; review the sections on EU institutions and various policy areas)
- <http://useu.usmission.gov> (website of the U.S. Mission to the European Union)
- <http://www.nato.int> (particularly the “What is NATO” and organizational sections)
- <http://www.osce.org> (particularly the “About” section)

II.) Analytical Framework

David M. Wood and Birol A. Yesilada, "Theories of European Integration," chapter 2 (pp.11-26) in *The Emerging European Union* (New York: Longman, 2002)

III.) Historical Origins

Alasdair Blair, *The European Union since 1945* (Pearson Longman, 2005), pp.1-24
(available for purchase in the USC book store)

Sean Kay, *NATO and the Future of European Security* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1998), pp. 13-57

IV.) Europe in the 1960s and 1970s

Blair, *The European Union since 1945*, pp. 25-49

Lawrence S. Kaplan, "The Gaullist Decade: 1958-1968," chapter 3 (pp. 29-55) in *NATO Divided, NATO United: The Evolution of an Alliance* (Westport, CT: Praeger, 2004)

V.) Europe in the 1980s

Blair, *The European Union since 1945*, pp.50-63

David R. Cameron, "The 1992 Initiative: Causes and Consequences," in Alberta M. Sbragia, ed., *Euro-Politics: Institutions and Policymaking in the "New" European Community* (Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution, 1992), pp. 23-74

VI.) European Security in the 1990s

Stanley Hoffman, "Yugoslavia: Implications for Europe and for European Institutions," and David C. Gompert, "The United States and Yugoslavia's Wars," in Richard H. Ullman, ed., *The World and Yugoslavia's Wars* (New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 1996), pp. 97-144

Philip H. Gordon, "The Limits of Europe's Common Foreign and Security Policy," in Andrew Moravcsik, ed., *Centralization or Fragmentation: Europe Facing the Challenges of Deepening, Diversity and Democracy* (New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 1998), pp. 159-185

Paul Latawski and Martin A. Smith, "The EU's Military Dimension: A Child of the Kosovo Crisis?" chapter 5 (pp. 120-42), in *The Kosovo Crisis and The Evolution of Post-Cold War European Security* (Manchester University Press, 2003)

VII.) The EU's Institutional Transformations in the 1990s

Blair, *The European Union since 1945*, pp. 64-83

Elizabeth Pond, "Present at the Second Creation: European Monetary Union," chapter 5 (pp. 77-104) in *The Rebirth of Europe* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2002)

VIII.) The Iraq Crisis and Relations with the United States

*Robert Kagan, "Power and Weakness," *Policy Review*, No. 113 (June-July 2002) (22 pp.) (also available at <http://www.policyreview.org/jun02/kagan.html>)

*Ivo H. Daalder, "The End of Atlanticism," *Survival*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (Summer 2003), pp. 147-66 (also available at <http://www.brook.edu/views/articles/daalder/20030601.htm>)

Elizabeth Pond, "The Dynamics of the Feud over Iraq," chapter 2 (pp. 30-55) in David M. Andrews, ed., *The Atlantic Alliance under Stress: U.S.-European Relations after Iraq* (Cambridge University Press, 2005)

Edwina S. Campbell, "From Kosovo to the War on Terror: The Collapsing Transatlantic Consensus, 1999-2002," *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Fall 2007), pp. 36-78

*Charles A. Kupchan, "The End of the West," *The Atlantic Monthly* (November 2002), pp. 42-44

Charles A. Kupchan, "The Atlantic Alliance Lies in the Rubble," *The Financial Times*, April 10, 2003 (available at http://www.cfr.org/publication/5838/atlantic_alliance_lies_in_the_rubble.html)

Thomas L. Friedman, "Our War with France," *New York Times*, September 18, 2003

*John Van Oudenaren, "Containing Europe," *The National Interest*, No. 80 (Summer 2005), pp. 57-64

IX.) The Future of Europe

*Charles A. Kupchan, "The Travails of Union: The American Experience and its Implications for Europe," *Survival*, vol. 46, no. 4 (December 2004), pp. 103-119

*Anand Menon, "From Crisis to Catharsis: ESDP after Iraq," *International Affairs*, Vol. 80, No. 4 (June 2004), pp.631-48

*Kalypso Nicolaidis, "We, the People of Europe..." and Jeffrey L. Cimbala, "Saving NATO from Europe," both in *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 83, No. 6 (November/December 2004), pp. 97-120

*Ronald D. Asmus, Antony J. Blinken and Philip H. Gordon, "Nothing to Fear," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 84, No. 1 (January/February 2005), pp. 174-77

*Andrew Moravcsik, "A Too Perfect Union? Why Europe Said 'No,'" *Current History* (November 2005), pp. 355-59

Charles A. Kupchan, "EU is at a turning point," *Los Angeles Times*, May 30, 2006 (available at http://www.cfr.org/publication/10786/eu_is_at_a_turning_point.html)

*John C. Hulsman and William L.T. Schirano, "The European Union is Dead," *The National Interest* (Fall 2005), pp. 61-66

*Laurent Cohen-Tanugi, "The End of Europe?" *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 84, No. 6 (November/December 2005), pp. 55-67 (also available at <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20051101faessay84606/laurent-cohen-tanugi/the-end-of-europe.html>)

*Robin Niblett, "Europe Inside Out," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 29, No. 1 (Winter 2005-06), pp. 41-59 (also available at http://www.twq.com/06winter/docs/06winter_niblett.pdf)

X.) The Geopolitical Consequences of European Integration

Niall Ferguson, "The End of Europe?" American Enterprise Institute Bradley Lecture, March 1, 2004 (available at <http://www.aei.org/events/filter..eventID.489/transcript.asp>)

*Parag Khanna, "The Metrosexual Superpower," *Foreign Policy*, No. 143 (July/August 2004), pp. 66-68

*Kenneth Rogoff, "Europe's Quiet Leap Forward," *Foreign Policy*, No. 143 (July/August 2004), pp. 74-75

Mark Leonard, "The Ascent of Europe," *Prospect* (March 2005), pp. 22-25 (available at http://www.cer.org.uk/pdf/leonard_prospect_feb05.pdf)

*Robert C. Pozen, "Mind the Gap: Can the New Europe Overtake the U.S. Economy?" *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 84, No. 2 (March/April 2005), pp. 8-12

*Jeffrey L. Cimbalo, "Brussels Unbound," *The National Interest* (Summer 2006), pp. 115-21

*Franco Algieri, "A Weakened EU's Prospects for Global Leadership," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Winter 2006-07), pp. 107-115 (also available at http://www.twq.com/07winter/docs/07winter_algieri.pdf)

*Nicholas Eberstadt and Hans Groth, "Healthy Old Europe," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 86, No. 3 (May/June 2007), pp. 55-68

XI.) The Future of Transatlantic Relations

*Ronald D. Asmus, "Rethinking the EU: Why Washington Needs to Support European Integration," *Survival*, Vol. 47, No. 3 (Autumn 2005), pp. 93-102 (also available at <http://www.gmfus.org/doc/AsmusSurvivalEURethink.pdf>)

*Ivo H. Daalder and James Goldgeier, "NATO Goes Global," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 85, No.5 (September/October 2006), pp. 105-113

*Charles A. Kupchan, "The Fourth Age: The Next Era in Transatlantic Relations," *The National Interest* (September/October 2006), pp. 77-83

*Andrew A. Michta, "Transatlantic Troubles: Are They America's Loss?" *The National Interest* (November/December 2006), pp. 62-66

*Jamie Shea, "A NATO for the 21st Century: Toward a New Strategic Concept," *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (Summer 2007), pp. 43-55 (also available at <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/forum/archives/pdfs/31-2pdfs/Shea.pdf>)

*Ronald D. Asmus, "Europe's Eastern Promise," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 87, No. 1 (January/February 2008), pp. 95-106