

EE22 - Post World War II History

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Semester: 7th

ECTS: 4.5

Short Description:

World War II. UN. Cold War. Israel. Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan. Western and Eastern Europe. China and Cuba. Decolonization. Civil Rights Movement. Vietnam. Soviet invasions. Islamic revolution in Iran. The end of the Cold War.

Reconstruction. Mass production and technological developments. The welfare state and economic prosperity. The "Third World" and poverty. From the European Economic Communities to the European Union. Deindustrialization and the third sector. New technologies. Globalization. Neoliberalism.

Demographic changes and migration. Middle classes. Education. Mass consumption. New social movements. Mass media and leisure.

Aims:

To develop familiarity with:

- a. the main transformations and trends in post-war world history
- b. the successive changes in the global political map after 1945

To understand the interaction of global, regional, national and local structures and developments

Learning Outcomes:

To extend knowledge on post-World War II world history

The ability to identify and explain the main political and social transformations in contemporary world history

A deeper understanding of contemporary problems

Structure:

13 three-hour weekly sessions with input from tutor, projection of documentaries and discussion

Assessment:

Written examination.

Students who wish to obtain a deeper understanding of the course may prepare a written assignment (2000-5000 words) which will account for 50% of their final grade.

Bibliography:

- Hobsbawm E. (1995), Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century 1914-1991, Themelio, Athens.
- Judt T. (2012), Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945, Alexandria, Athens.
- Mazower M. (2001), Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century, Alexandria, Athens.