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Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Security Policy During and After the Cold War

Monday, Wednesday 3:30-5:18, Knowlton 250

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The course will deal with national security and military policy issues as they have emerged and changed during and after the Cold War. Of central concern will be considerations about how external threats are identified and the reactions (or overreactions) they inspire. The material will be presented roughly in chronological order beginning with the framing of the containment and deterrence policies at the end of World War II and concluding with an examination of national security policy issues confronting the United States and the world at the present time. Included will be discussions of such concerns as the Korean War, the Berlin and Cuban crises, Vietnam, the Iran hostage crisis, the demise of the Cold War and of the Soviet Union, the unification of Europe, ethnic conflict, economic sanctions, and the rise of democracy and capitalism on a global basis. There will be considerable consideration of terrorism, of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and of the potential for the proliferation of

"weapons of mass destruction." Of particular interest, as well, will be an assessment of broad historical trends as they have played out since 1945.

The course will be in lecture format, with ample opportunity for questions and discussion. There will be considerable use of Powerpoint slides as well as documentary material on videotape.

Grading. There will be a midterm (October 24) and a final examination (December 5) as well as an optional 4 to 6 page paper (due during the last week of classes). If the student does not submit a paper, the midterm exam will count for 1/3 of the grade and the final exam will count 2/3. If the student does submit a paper, the midterm exam will count for 1/3 of the grade, the final exam will count 1/3, and the paper 1/3. The advantage of doing the paper is that it allows the student to focus on a topic of interest and it allows the grade to be partly based on something other than exams. The exams will be about half objective (short answer, identification, etc.) and half essay. Copies of previous exams will be available on the course website.

Assigned books:

1. Jeffrey D. Simon, The Terrorist Trap (Second edition, 2001) (won't be used until after the mid-term exam)
2. Robert C. DiPrizio, Armed Humanitarians (won't be used until after the mid-term exam)
3. John Mueller, The Remnants of War
amazon.com is currently selling this book for [\\$18.87](#), a 37% discount.
4. Robert Pape, Dying to Win (won't be used until after the midterm exam)
amazon.com is currently selling this book for [\\$16.97](#), a 35% discount.
5. Robert H. Johnson, Improbable Dangers
This book will be available in three ways:
 1. on reserve in the Main Library
 2. as a downloadable PDF file:
[complete book--high quality](#) (36MB)
[complete book--somewhat lower quality](#) (7 MB)
[text--somewhat lower quality--without notes or index](#) (5MB)
 3. As a course pack (at less than \$10). Order at Cop-Ez (Tuttle) or through www.copez.org

COURSE OUTLINE (subject to change)

Wednesday, September 21

Lessons from the 1930s; the relevance of Munich
The atomic bomb; Hiroshima

Monday, September 26

Soviet ideology, containment, the Truman Doctrine
Nuclear weapons, deterrence
Mao (1893-1976) and Communism in China
 "The Sources of Soviet Conduct" (on course website)
 Truman Doctrine speech (to be handed out in class)
 Johnson, Improbable Dangers, pp. 1-38, 45-61
 Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 1-71

Wednesday, September 28: Videotape on Mao's China

Monday, October 3

The Korean War
Hiss, Chambers, atomic spies, McCarthyism
 Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 71-72
 Johnson, Improbable Dangers, pp. 38-40, 68-78

Wednesday, October 5

Eisenhower and Khrushchev
Sputnik, missiles, and the space race
The "delicate balance of terror"
Sino-Soviet split; Khrushchev and crisis; Berlin; Castro's Cuba
 Johnson, Improbable Dangers, pp. 40-43, 78-83, 110-127

Monday, October 10

The Cuban missile crisis, the Test Ban treaty
End of the classic Cold War
The wars in Indochina and in Vietnam; political controversies
 Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 72-75

Wednesday, October 12

Vietnam
 Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 75-78
 Johnson, Improbable Dangers, pp. 155-161

Monday, October 17

The correlation of forces, 1975-1979

China--the Cultural Revolution, Nixon's visit

China drops out of the Cold War

Watergate

Detente, arms control, SALT I and SALT II

Johnson, Improbable Dangers, 61-68, 131-154, 162-166

Wednesday, October 19

The Reagan doctrine: Afghanistan, Grenada, Nicaragua

SDI; missiles in Europe, KAL007

The rise of Gorbachev, policy changes

The end of the Cold War in Europe; the fall of the Wall

Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 78-84

Johnson, Improbable Dangers, pp. 43-45, 87-110, 166-177, 199-241

Monday, October 24 MIDTERM EXAMINATION**Wednesday, October 26**

Terrorism during the Cold War

The Iran hostage crisis, 1979-81

Lebanon, Iran-Contra, Qaddafi, Lockerbie

Simon, The Terrorist Trap, pp. 1-12, 97-110, 121-260

Pape, Dying to Win, pp. 1-60

Monday, October 31

Russia after the Cold War: breakup, Yeltsin, Chechnya, Putin

Changes in China, Tiananmen; the question of Taiwan

Wednesday, November 2

Ordering the new world

Panama and the Gulf War

Johnson, Improbable Dangers, pp. 179-196

Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 117-123

Monday, November 7

Sanctions and Iraq in the 1990s

Civil war: "Ethnic conflict" in Yugoslavia and elsewhere

DiPrizio, Armed Humanitarians, chs. 1, 2, 6

Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 85-116, 123-140, 130-132

Pape, Dying to Win, pp. 61-76

Wednesday, November 9

Civil war after the Cold War

Liberia; Somalia; genocide in Rwanda

North Korea, Haiti

DiPrizio, Armed Humanitarians, chs. 3, 4, 5

Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 126-130

Monday, November 14

Yugoslavia after Dayton; Kosovo

DiPrizio, Armed Humanitarians, ch. 7

Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 133-134

Wednesday, November 16

Weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, and "rogue states"

Terrorism in the new century: September 11

Pape, Dying to Win, pp. 79-139, 166-173, 197-201, 217-226

Simon, The Terrorist Trap, v-xxix, 347-401

Monday, November 21

Mideast--the Israel-Palestine issue

Wednesday, November 23 Optional class: videotape on Mideast

Monday, November 28 PAPERS DUE

Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq

DiPrizio, Armed Humanitarians, ch. 8 and Postscript

Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 134-160

Wednesday, November 30

Results of the Iraq War

The rise of democracy, capitalism, globalization

Changing attitudes toward war and war patterns, 1945-2005

Conclusions and overall reflections

Mueller, Remnants of War, pp. 161-181

Pape, Dying to Win, pp. 237-250

Monday, December 5 FINAL EXAMINATION (Knowlton 250, 3:30-5:18)