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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)

   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
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

**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

**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
  - Pape, *Dying to Win*, pp. 237-250

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