Course description:

This course explores the history and the current state of political, economic and cultural relations between the United States and Europe. Ever since the end of the World War II, the cooperative relationship between these two parts of the world, often described as „the West“, has been a bedrock of international stability, security and prosperity. After the end of the Cold War, this relationship has undergone changes, along with the whole system of international relations. Recently, on both sides of the Atlantic, the talk has been about a crisis of the Euro-American relationship. We will examine the validity of these claims, the causes of the current problems and possible ways of overcoming them. Throughout, we will emphasize the overwhelming nature of common values and interests on both sides of the ocean as well as the risks stemming from a potential rift for both Europe and America. We will examine the compatibility of current European and U.S. policies with respect to third countries or regions, such as Russia, China and the Middle East. We will also analyze the specific role played in this relationship by countries of Central and Eastern Europe as relative newcomers to democracy, to the Atlantic Alliance and to European Union.

Grading policy

Class participation/attendance: 20%
Presentation: 20%
Mid-term paper: 25%
Final paper: 35%

MIDTERM PAPERS ARE DUE IN WEEK 7
FINAL PAPERS ARE DUE IN WEEK 14

Schedule of classes

Week 1
16 February

Topic I – The Old World: Origins of the European and Western Civilization

Topic II – The New World and Beyond: Challenges of a New World Order
The American Revolution and its reflections in Europe. The American exceptionalism. The emerging superpower in the system of balancing power. The hinge: Theodore Roosevelt or

Readings


Week 2
23 February

Topic III - Allies in War: The Origins of the Atlantic Alliance

Lecture IV- Partners in Deterrence: Victory in the Cold War

Readings

The North Atlantic Treaty. Washington D.C., 4 April 1949

Week 3
1 March

Topic V - The Emergence of the Other Europe

**Topic VI - The New World Order and What’s Left of It**

The end of history that never was. A new world order: Gulf War and the comeback of the UN. The pitfalls of humanitarian intervention: Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Rwanda. The clash of civilizations? Coming anarchy? Shall we miss the Cold War?

**Readings**

- Huntington, Samuel P.: *The Clash of Civilizations?* Foreign Affairs, Summer 1993, pp. 22-49

**Week 4**

8 March

**Topic VII - Doctrine of Enlargement**


**Topic VIII - Fighting with Allies: The Balkan Wars**

Yugoslavia: Communists as nationalists. Europe: The haste to recognition. USA: No dog in the fight. UN: Reaching the limits (Vance – Owen Plan). The road to Dayton. Rambouillet, Kosovo and the question of legitimacy of intervention

**Readings**

Week 5
15 March

Topic IX - The Essential Country: American Visions of the post-Cold War World
Imperial overstretch or bound to lead? Pax Americana: The unipolar moment. The indispensable: Making the world safe for democracy. The soft power: Can interdependence work? Neo-cons and their benevolent empire. Lonely superpower and pivotal states

Topic X - Toward a Multipolar World: European Visions of the post-Cold War World
Atlantic Europe: Keep America in, Russia out and Germany down. Multilateralism and moral superiority: Europe as a lighthouse. Multipolarity and the new balance of power: Europe as a counterweight. Focused on the U.S.: Liberal imperialism or the end of empire? Habermas and Derrida: A peace through conversation? Power gap: Economic elephant versus military pygmy

Readings

Huntington, Samuel P: The Lonely Superpower. Foreign Affairs, March/April 1999, pp. 35-49
Leonard, Mark: Ascent of Europe. Prospect, March 2005, pp. 22-25

Week 6
22 March
Seminar: Discussion

Week 7
29 March

MIDTERM PAPERS ARE DUE IN WEEK 7
**Topic XI – What Kind of Europe?**

**Topic XII – How Americans are thinking about Europe**

**Readings**

Schuman, Robert: Declaration of 9 May 1950. ([www.robert-schumann.org](http://www.robert-schumann.org))
Fischer, Joschka: *From Confederacy to Federation*. Speech at the Humbolt University, Berlin, May 12, 2000
Feldstein, Martin: *EMU and International Conflict*. Foreign Affairs, November/December 1997, pp. 60-73
Bergsten, Fred C.: *America and Europe: Clash of the Titans?* Foreign Affairs, March/April 1999, pp. 20-34

**Week 8**
5 April

**Topic XIII – Challenges of Globalization**

**Topic XIV – New Threats, New Enemies**

**Readings**

“The Dueling Globalizations, A Debate Between Thomas Friedman and Ignatius Ramonet.” Foreign Policy, Fall 1999, pp. 110-126
Fonte, John: *Democracy’s Trojan Horse*. The National Interest. Summer 2004, pp. 117127
Lipset, Seymour Martin: *Still Exceptional Nation?* Wilson Quarterly, Winter 2000, pp. 31-45

**Week 9 - Spring Break – no classes**

**Week 10**
19 April

**Topic XV – Power in the Post-Modern World**

The case of Iraqi War. Of Paradise and Power – Venus and Mars. EU as a post-modern entity Anti-Americanism in Europe. Anti-Europeanism in America. Clash of the titans or the new division of labor?

**Topic XVI – Multilateralism – Train Wrecks in the Making?**


**Readings**

([www.policyreview.org](http://www.policyreview.org))

Nye, Joseph: “*The new Rome meets the new barbarians*”. *The Economist*. March 21, 2002

([www.demos.co.uk/catalogue](http://www.demos.co.uk/catalogue))


Dahrendorf, Ralf, Garton Ash, Timothy: *The Europe and the America We Want*. (Le Monde, July 9, 2003)

Michnik, Adam: *A View from the Left: We, the Traitors* (Gazeta Wyborcza, May 29, 2003)


Joffe, Josef: *Who’s Afraid of Mr. Big?* The National Interest, Summer 2001


Bolton, John R.: *Courting Danger: What’s Wrong With the International Criminal Court. National Interest*’’, No. 54, 1999


Deutch, John, Kanter, Arnold and Scowcroft, Brent: *Saving NATO’s Foundation*. Foreign Affairs, November/December 1999
Week 11
26 April

Topic XVII – The Recent Challenges: Black Sea and the Greater Middle East

Turkey: Can a country be Islamic and European at the same time? Ukraine and Georgia: Europe or left behind? The Future of Iraq: Loosing the peace? Whither Iran? The Ultimate Sponsors: Saudi Arabia. Middle East: Modernization or Democratization?

Topic XVIII - The Future Challenges: Euro-Asia


Readings

Wolfowitz, Paul: Remembering the Future, National Interest, No. 59, Spring 2000

1. Is preventive war justifiable? If so, on what grounds?
2. Is a UN Security Council Resolution the sine qua non for the use of force against another country?
3. Is proliferation stoppable? What would it take to stop it?

Week 12
3 May

Seminar: Discussion

Week 13
10 May

Topic XIX – The Cooperative Scenario: Working Together for a Global Society

What we have in common: core values and threats. Bridging the transatlantic power gap

Topic XX – The Nightmare Scenario: Fighting by Proxy for a Global Chaos


Readings

Moisi, Dominique: Reinventing the West, Foreign Affairs, November/December 2003
Wallace, William: Europe, the Necessary Partner, Foreign Affairs, May/June 2001
Cimballo, Jeffreys: Saving NATO From Europe, Foreign Affairs, November/December, 2004


Vondra, Alexandr; Painter, Sally: *No Time to Go It Alone.* The Washington Post, Nov. 18, 2002


**Week 14**

17 May

**Summary of the course**

*THE FINAL PAPERS ARE DUE*

**Week 15**

*Exam week*