History of international relations 2017-18
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Study Materials

Please note, 1: all readings are available from the course's ISA materials page. Where possible, the reading's location with the Ca' Foscari library has been reported. Please note, 2: students who do not attend the class regularly, can add the following volume to the list of readings: Duccio Basosi, "Finanza e petrolio", 2012: Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. BAS.Fin.)

1. 12/09/2017 – Introduction to the class

2. 19/09/2017 – The making of the “American Empire”
   Charles Maier, "Among Empires", 2007, pp. 191-228
   • Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (USEmb06 Am.G.C.MAI.A mo)

3. 26/09/2017 – The limits of hegemony
   Charles Maier, "Among Empires", 2007, pp. 228-237
   • Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (USEmb06 Am.G.C.MAI.A mo)
   Philip Golub, "Power, profit and prestige", 2010, pp. 63-80
   • Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. GOL.Pow.)

4. 3/10/2017 – The political economy of the international economic system, 1944-1971
   Barry Eichengreen, "Exorbitant privilege", 2011, pp. 39-62
   • Ca' Foscari BEC: LIBRITESTO (332.4 EIC EXO)

5. 10/10/2017 – The United States and “globalization”, 1971-2007
   • in Ferguson, "The shock of the global", Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. FER.Sh.)
   • Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. GOW.Glo.)

6. 17/10/2017 – Focus on the end of Bretton Woods
   Duccio Basosi, "The transatlantic relationship and the end of Bretton Woods", 2011, pp. 468-485
   • in Scott-Smith, "Atlantic, Euro-Atlantic or Europe-America?", Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. SCO.Atl.)
   Daniel Sargent, “A superpower transformed”, 2015, pp. 100-130
   • Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. SAR.Sup.)

7. 24/10/2017 – The “oil shock”
Giuliano Garavini, “From Boumedienomics to Reaganomics”, 2015, pp. 79-92

Christopher Dietrichs, “Henry Kissinger and Oil Power”, 2016, pp. 36-63

8. 24/10/2017 – Recasting US power

Philip Golub, "Power profit and prestige", 2010, pp. 81-103
• Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. GOL.Pow)

Charles Maier, "Among Empires", 2007, pp. 255-284
• Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (USEmb06 Am.G.C.MAI.A mo)

9. 31/10/2017 – Towards the new regime, 1971-1978, pt. 1

David Spiro, "The hidden hand of American hegemony", 1999, pp. 80-100
• Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. SPI.Hid.)

Barry Eichengreen, "Exorbitant privilege", 2011, pp. 62-68
• Ca' Foscari BEC: LIBRITESTO (332.4 EIC EXO)

10. 7/11/2017 – Towards the new regime, 1971-78, pt. 2

David Spiro, "The hidden hand of American hegemony", 1999, pp. 100-126
• Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. SPI.Hid.)


11. 14/11/2017 – Towards the new regime, 1971-78, pt. 3


12. 25/11/2017 – US political economy in the 1980s

• in Leffler and Westad, “The Cambridge History”, Ca’ Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. LEF.Cam.3.)

Beth Fischer, “US Foreign Policy under the Reagan and Bush administrations”, 2010, pp. 267-288
• in Leffler and Westad, “The Cambridge History”, Ca’ Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. LEF.Cam.3.)

13. 5/12/2017 – The Soviet political economy in the 1980s

• in Leffler and Westad, “The Cambridge History”, Ca’ Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. LEF.Cam.3.)

Stephen Kotkin, "The Kiss of Debt", 2010, pp. 80-93
• in Ferguson, "The shock of the global", Ca’ Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. FER.Sh.)

14. 12/12/2017 – Western European challenges?
Silvio Pons, “The Rise and Fall of Eurocommunism”, 2010, pp. 45-65
  • in Leffler and Westad, “The Cambridge History”, Ca’ Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. LEF.Cam.3.)

  • in Nuti, “The crisis of détente”, Ca’ Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. NUT.Cri.)

Duccio Basosi, “The European Community and International Reaganomics”, 2013, pp. 133-152

15. 19/12/2017 – US power, neoliberalism and the “debt crisis” of the 1980s

  • Ca’ Foscari BEC: BEC (332.152 BOU)

Duccio Basosi, “A missing cold war?”, 2011, pp. 208-228
  • in Kalinovsky, Radchenko (eds.), “The End of the Cold War and the Third World”, Ca' Foscari BALI, AMERICA (HIS. KAL.End).

Vijay Prashad, “The darker nations”, 2007, pp. 191-244