

HIST 4575/HIST 2991
UNO-Prague Summer Seminars 2008
Room 14

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The Cold War Era/ Special Studies in History

Class Objectives:

This class is being taught in one of Central Europe's historically richest cities. Prague (along with Berlin and Vienna) will be our teaching laboratory. We will be keen observers of the places we visit in the course of our field trips, for which lectures will prepare us. Learning from the field trips will be a major part of our learning experience this summer.

Readings and Field Trips:

* For HIST 4575 Students Textbook:

John Lewis Gaddis. *The Cold War: A New History*. New York: Penguin Pb 2005.

** For HIST 2991 Students Textbook:

Maria Dowling. *Czechoslovakia*. London: Arnold Pb – New York Oxford UP Pb. 2002

Notes:

HIST 4575 students* must read Gaddis – HIST 2991 students** must read Dowling; of course students may want to read both textbooks!

Students enrolled in HIST 4575 (Cold War) should sign up for the Berlin Field Trip

Local afternoon field trips in Prague will be added to the syllabus

Grading:

Previously announced short quizzes on basic events and personalities will be given weekly

Every student has to hand in one written journal/paper (5 pages) on one of the weekend field trips (Terezin, Berlin, Vienna) – what were the major insights gained/conclusions drawn from this field trip.

Every student has to hand in the summary of one document provided in class by instructor

Attendance:

This is a short and intense one-month long semester. Attendance in class is mandatory. Only one excused absence is permissible

Daily Class and Reading Schedule

WEEK I

Tue July 8 The End of WW I: 1919 Versailles Settlement and the Rise of Fascism
12:30-3:00 *The Birth of Czechoslovakia 1918*

Wed July 9 The Origins of WW II
12:00 – 2:00 *The Munich Agreement of 1938 & the Abandonment of Czechoslovakia*

Thu July 10 WW II Origins of the Cold War
12:30-14:00 *The Nazi Occupation and the Breakup of Czechoslovakia*

Fri July 11 Containment of Communism and the Militarization of the Cold War
12:00-2:00 *The Czech Coup of 1948 and Its Meaning for the Cold War*

Sat July 12 **Field Trip to Terezin**

Read: * Gaddis, chs. 1-2; ** Dowling, chs. 1-2

WEEK II

Mon July 14 The Cold War in Asia (China & Japan, Korea and Vietnam)
12:00-2:00

Tue July 15 The Nuclearization of the Cold War in the 1950s
12:30-3:00 *The Purges*

Wed July 16 The Cold War in Europe, the U.S. and European Integration
12:00-2:00

Thu July 17 The Berlin & Cuban Missile Crises
12:30-3:00

Fri – Sun **Berlin Field Trip**

Read: * Gaddis, chs. 3-4; Dowling, chs. 3-4

WEEK III

Mon July 21 The Cold War in the Third World (Vietnam, East)

12:00-2:00

Tue July 22 Cultural Cold Wars and the Americanization of Europe

12:30-3:00

Wed July 23 The Rise of Cold War Détente in the 1960s

12:30-3:00 *Prague Spring and the Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia 1968*

Thu - Sun **Vienna Field Trip**

Read: * Gaddis, chs. 5-6, ** Dowling, chs. 5-6

* Alexander Stephan, "Cold War Alliances and the Emergence of Transatlantic Competition: An Introduction," and Günter Bischof, "Two Sides of the Coin: The Americanization of Austria and Austrian Anti-Americanism," in: Alexander Stephan, ed., *The Americanization of Europe: Culture, Diplomacy, and Anti-Americanism after 1945* (New York: Berghahn, 2006), pp. 1-20, 147-81

*/** Günter Bischof, "'No Action': The Johnson Administration and the Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968," [forthcoming in volume on Prague Spring]

WEEK IV

Mon July 28 The Collapse of Cold War Détente in the 1970s

12:00-2:00

Tue July 29 Reagan and the Second Cold War

12:30-3:00

Wed July 30 The End of the Cold War

12:00 – 2:00 *The Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia in 1989*

Thu July 31 The Post-Cold War Era

12:30-3:00

Read: * Gaddis, chs. 7-8; ** Dowling, chs. 7-8 and Epilogue