

Korea University International Summer Campus (KU ISC) 2023

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June 27, 2023 ~ August 3, 2023

ISC268B – World History Since 1945

I . Instructor

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II. Textbook

Required		William R. Keylor, A World of Nations, The International Order Since 1945
Textbook		ISBN 978-0-19-533757-0
Required	:	
Additional		Available on Blackboard
Readings		

Ⅲ. Course Description and Objectives

The objective of this course is for students to gain a basic understanding of the creation and evolution of the international order since World War II. The first half of the course examines the Cold War -- how and why it arose, how it shaped the international system, and how it ended. The second half of the course examines political events in several countries of Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. In each case, we investigate how the larger Cold War interacted with specific domestic forces to produce the conflicts that continue to shape international affairs.

The course relies heavily on lectures combined with class discussion based on the required readings. Students must therefore complete the readings prior to each class and come to class prepared to discuss them. The main readings come from William R. Keylor, *A World of Nations: The International Order since 1945,* Second Edition (Oxford University Press, 2009). Additional readings based on historical documents will be posted on Blackboard.

The midterm exam and final (non-cumulative) exam will consist of fifty multiple choice questions drawn from the lectures and the readings. The five map quizzes will be based on maps in the textbook.

Attendance is very important and will be taken daily. Students must notify the instructor in advance if an absence is to be excused. As per Korea University policy, students must attend at least 70% classes to receive a passing grade.

Students are expected to be honest in all academic work and must abide by all rules and regulations of Korea University regarding academic honesty.

IV. Grading

Midterm Exam		45%
Final Exam	:	45%
Quizzes	:	10%
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V. Class Outline

Date	Topic	Chapter	Remarks
June 27 (Tue)	Orientation Day		
June 28 (Wed)	Introduction to the Course		
June 29 (Thu)	Emergence of the Bipolar World	Keylor, 3-23	
June 30 (Fri)	European Recovery, Division of Germany, Establishment of the International Economic Order, the UN, and NATO	Keylor, 23- 45	
July 3 (Mon)	Militarization of Containment	Keylor, 46-65 Online: K. Weathersby, "Should We Fear This?: Stalin and the Danger of War with America"	

July 4 (Tue)	De-Stalinization and the Arms Race	Keylor, 65- 84	MAP QUIZ 1 Europe in the Cold War, p. 47
July 5 (Wed)	Berlin Crisis and Arms Control	Keylor, 84- 107	
July 6 (Thu)	Ostpolitik and The Helsinki Accords	Keylor, 113- 130	
July 10 (Mon)	Decline and Fall of the Soviet Empire	Keylor, 131- 141	
July 11 (Tue)	Collapse of the Soviet Union	Keylor, 141- 155	
July 12 (Wed)	Review for midterm		MAP QUIZ 2 Successor States of the Soviet Union p. 145
July 13 (Thu)	MIDTERM EXAM		
July 17 (Mon)	Intervention in Guatemala, Revolution in Cuba	Keylor, 189- 208, 219- 231	
July 18 (Tue)	Civil War in China and the Outbreak of War in Korea	Keylor, 232- 248 Online: K. Weathersby, "To Attack or Not to Attack? Stalin, Kim Il Sung and the Prelude to War"	
July 19 (Wed)	The Korean War	Keylor, 248- 257	

July 20 (Thu)	Economic Resurgence in East Asia, the Collapse of the Sino-Soviet Alliance, and the Challenge of North Korea	Keylor, 257- 267, 268- 289	MAP QUIZ 3 East Asia after WWII, p. 233
July 24 (Mon)	War in Indochina	Keylor, 290- 320	
July 25 (Tue)	Nonalignment in India and War in Afghanistan	Keylor, 330- 350	MAP QUIZ 4 The Indian Subcontinent, p. 347
July 26 (Wed)	Establishment of Israel and the Arab/Israeli Conflict	Keylor, 355- 382	
July 27 (Thu)	Revolution in Iran, War with Iraq	Keylor, 387- 410	MAP QUIZ 5 The Middle East after World War II, p. 360
July 31 (Mon)	Islamism	Online: TBA	
Aug 1 (Tue)	Rise of Authoritarianism, Weakening of the Post-war Order	Online: TBA	
Aug 2 (Wed)	FINAL EXAM		
Aug 3 (Thu)	/ Graduation Day (Available both Online / Offline)		