

# INTA 4500 European Security Issues

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## Course Description:

The purpose of this course is: 1) to expose students to the history of European security provisions beginning with the early post-1945 period; 2) to familiarize students with the significant changes the international system experienced in the late 1980s; 3) to analyze the principal explanations given for various security proposals in the post-Cold War environment; 4) to examine scholarly writings discussing a "new world order" and to speculate about future developments.

## Required Texts:

Jolyon Howorth, *Security and Defence Policy in the European Union*. (Palgrave/MacMillan, 2007).

Tony Judt, *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* (Penguin, 2005).

Lawrence Kaplan, *NATO Divided, NATO United*. (Praeger, 2004).

NATO Handbook <http://www.nato.int/docu/handbook/2001/index.htm#CH1>

(also see main NATO website <http://www.nato.int/>)

## Course Requirements:

Students must have completed all their readings for each class and are expected to participate in classroom discussions. Since this is your senior seminar, attendance is required and I will adhere to a "3 strikes and you are out" policy. Students must also keep up with current events in world politics by regularly reading a high quality news source like the Financial Times, the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal.

Also, please note that Georgia Tech's Honor Code is in effect for this course.

The course grade will be as follows:

Midterm 30%

Class presentation and team paper 20% (further directions will be given in class)

Class participation 20%

Simulation exercise 30%

## **Readings**

### **Jan. 13 Introduction**

syllabus; presentation assignments

### **Jan. 20 Security Provisions in the Early Post-World War II Period**

-Judt: Introduction & Part I

-(video: The Western Tradition: The Cold War)

### **Jan. 27 The Creation of NATO**

Kaplan chapters 1 & 2 (read entire text by midterm)

### **Feb. 3 European Cooperation: ECSC, EDC, EEC**

Historical Introduction to the European Union (Dinan chapter 1);  
The Institutions of the EU (McCormick chapter 4) (**available on T-Square**)

### **Feb. 10 Historical Background: Europe 1953-1971**

-Judt: Part II; research web for additional info on your country presentation

(film on Berlin 1945-1990) (53 min.)

**Preparation for presentations** (break up into groups during class period)

### **Feb. 17 Historical Background: Europe 1971 to 1989**

-Judt: Part III; Kaplan chapters 4 & 5

**Country Profile: United States (1946-present)**

-collect nec. information in small groups

**Feb. 24 Country Profiles:**

-Judt: Part IV

**Country Profile: United Kingdom (1946-present)**

**Country Profile: France (1946-present)**

**Country Profile: Germany (1946-present)**

**March 3 Film: "Last Best Chance" (Nuclear Threat Initiative)**

**March 10 Country Profiles:**

-Judt: Epilogue

**Country Profile: USSR/Russia (1946-present)**

**Country Profile: Eastern Europe (1946-present) (Group 1)**

**& (Group 2)**

**March 17 MIDTERM on Kaplan book**

**March 21-25 SPRING BREAK**

**March 31 Security and Defense Policy in the EU**

-Howorth chapters 1-8

**April 7 European Security Relations: Are There Any Lessons For Asia?**

Victor D. Cha, "The Dilemma of Regional Security in East Asia: Multilateralism versus Bilateralism." In Paul Diehl and Joseph Lepgold, eds., *Regional Conflict Management*. (**available on T-Square**)

-familiarize yourself with the major security challenges confronted by Asian countries (surf the web for background information)

and

**Orientation Session for Simulation on European Security**

(hand out scenario and tasker; group assignments)

**April 14 Team Meetings for Simulation on European Security**

(in-class discussions and development of a 2-3 page position paper)

**April 21 Inter-Team Meetings for Simulation on European Security**

(in-class discussions to reevaluate negotiating positions; bring copies of your position papers for each team)

**April 27 Simulation on European Security**

(actual bargaining and negotiation among different teams)

**Wrap-up**