

HIST 4575, Fall 2009

T Th 3:30 – 4:45

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## The Cold War Era

### Class Readings

\* Melvyn P. Leffler. *For the Soul of Mankind: The United States, the Soviet Union and the Cold War*. New York: Hill & Wang 2008 Pb

\* Jussi Hanhimäki and Odd Arne Westad, eds., *The Cold War: A History in Documents and Eyewitness Accounts*. New York: Oxford UP Pb 2004

Graham Greene, *The Quiet American: Text and Criticism*. Ed. John Clark Pratt New York: Penguin 1996.

Richard Pells, *Not Like US: How Europeans have loved, hated, and transformed American culture since World War II* New York: Basic Books, 1997 Pb

Robert Dallek. *Nixon and Kissinger: Partners in Power*. New York: Harper Perennial 2007 Pb

Douglas Little, *American Orientalism: The United States and the Middle East since 1945*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press 2002 Pb

Jack Matlock, Jr. *Reagan and Gorbachev: How the Cold War Ended*. New York 2005 Pb

For excellent **Internet Websites** offering recent documents on the Cold War from archives of former Communist countries see:

1) The Cold War International History Project, Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.:  
<http://www.cwihp.si.edu>

2) The Parallel History Project (Web Site at Swiss Institute of Technology):  
<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php/>

### Informative Personal Cold War Homepages

3) Mark Trachtenberg's Website: <http://www.polisci.ucla/faculty/trachtenberg>

4) Reinhold Wagnleitner's "Cold War" links in his personal website (with many links to Cold War sites and a bibliography – in German):

<http://www.sbg.ac.at/ges/people/wagnleitner/kalterkrieg2005/home.htm>

**Important Journals:** *Journal of Cold War Studies, Cold War History, Diplomatic History, Diplomacy & Statecraft*

### **Required Class Work and Grading Policy**

Midterm	1/3
Final Exam	1/3
Papers & Presentation, Class Participation	1/3

### **Graduate Credit**

Graduate Student who enroll in this class have to a 15-page paper and do additional research!

### **Attendance Policy:**

Students have to attend ALL of Dr. Bischof's class lectures; unexcused absences will result in one grade drop per unexcused absence

### **Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is fundamental to the process of learning and evaluating academic performance. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following: cheating, plagiarism, tempering with academic records and examinations, falsifying identity, and being accessory to acts of academic dishonesty. Refer to the UNO Judicial Code for further information. The Code is available online at [http://www.uno.edu/~stlf/policy%20Manual/judicial\\_code\\_pts.htm](http://www.uno.edu/~stlf/policy%20Manual/judicial_code_pts.htm).

### **Students with Disabilities**

Students who qualify for services will receive the academic modifications for which they are legally entitled. It is the responsibility of the student to register with the Office of Disability Services (UC 260) each semester and follow their procedures for obtaining assistance.

### **Class Learning Objectives**

- ✓ Know the basic political geography of the U.S.'s global presence after 1945
- ✓ Know the basic chronology of major Cold War events and the key turning points





- XII. T Nov 10 Reagan and the Second Cold War  
 Read: Leffler, *For the Soul of Mankind*, ch. V  
 Hanhimäki/Westad, eds., *The Cold War*, ch. 17  
 Matlock, *Reagan and Gorbachev*, pp. 3-173
- Th Nov 12 Gorbachev, the Fall of the Berlin Wall, the End of the Cold War  
 Read: Hanhimäki/Westad, eds., *The Cold War*, ch. 18  
 Matlock, *Reagan and Gorbachev*, pp. 174-331
- XIII. T Nov 17 The “New World Order” and the Post-Cold War World  
 Read: Hanhimäki/Westad, eds., *The Cold War*, ch. 19
- Th Nov 19 **No class – work on research papers**
- XIV T Nov 24 **No class – work on research papers**
- Th Nov 26 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- XV. T Dec 1 Class presentation of research papers I

**Paper Due (10-12 pp; graduate students 15 pp):** Write a research paper of your choice on the theme of East-West conflict during the Cold War. Any case study of American or Soviet regional, cultural, political, economic influence in the world is acceptable. Address the theme of superpower hegemony and empire building during the Cold War

Th Dec 3 Class presentation of research papers II

**Tuesday December 8 3:00 – 5:00 FINAL EXAM**