Syllabus

Gullivers troubles: The United States as Hegemon and Hegemonic Mediator since 1945 - 58370

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: international relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

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Course/Module description:
Since 1945, the United States has played a hegemonic role in the international system. This course introduces the student to some of the basic dilemmas that bewildered Americans in performing that role, and to relevant decision-making processes. Special attention is given to the American negotiating experience, both at large and in the Middle Eastern context.

Course/Module aims:
Gaining an understanding of basic American dilemmas and decisionmaking processes in the Foreign Policy arena

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
To identify key factors that affect the American performance in the Foreign Policy field

Attendance requirements(%):
None

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture

Course/Module Content:
A. Introduction and Fundamental Factors
1. American Foreign Policy: Current research trends
2. The American Foreign Policy ideology
3. Public Opinion and Congress

B. Cold War Strategies
4. Containment Strategies under Truman [and McCarthyism]
7. Nixon, Kissinger and their contenders, Left and Right
8. The Cold War, Human Rights and Dissident Movements

C. The American Experience in Negotiation and Mediation: General
9. The Inter-Cultural Dimension
10. Coercive Diplomacy
11. Integration Diplomacy
12. The United States and China: Tacit Understanding, Breakthroughs and Maintaining Momentum
13. The United States and the Soviet Union: Why did the Cold War End?
D. Negotiating in the Middle Eastern Context
14. Why and How did the United States and Israel construct a "Special Relationship"?
15. Kissinger, status quo diplomacy, the Yom Kippur War and the theory of maturation
16. Carter, Camp David and Israeli-Egyptian Peace
E. Foreign Policymaking Processes
17. Systemic and Economic Explanations
18. The Department of State and the National Security Council
19. The Intelligence Process
20. Presidential Style in Foreign Affairs
21. Analogical Thinking and Groupthink
22. The Personality factor ❯ and the Cultural Turn
F. The Contemporary Scene
23. "The Crisis of Opportunity" under Clinton: Humanitarian Intervention and the Failure in Russia
24. Navigating the Relationship with Western Europe
25. The Challenge of Rising Powers: China and Russia
26. The Arab-Israeli Tangle after Oslo
27. Is the United States Declining?

Required Reading:
1. קכן חוקר את מדיניות החוץ האמריקנית כוון? 

2. האידאולוגיה האמריקנית במדיניות חוץ

3. דעת קהל והקונגרס
- "Opposition from Henry Cabot Lodge" and "Lodge's Reservations," in Engel, Lawrence and Preston, America in the World, pp. 94-95, 99-100.


John Tower, Congress versus the President: The Formulation and Implementation of U.S. Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs (Winter 1987-8) (M)


Text: the Tonkin Gulf Resolution and LBJ's doubts (Engel, Lawrence and Preston, pp. 261-262 and "Why America Fights" (Engel, Lawrence and Preston, pp.267-269).
- Kennedy's Inauguration Address
- Daniel Ellsberg's "Pentagon Papers"
- Book: The Ugly American
- Movie/Musical: Hair
- Cultural dissenters: Joan Baez and Jane Fonda
- Cultural dissenters: Bob Dylan (i.e. "Masters of War," Engel, Lawrence and Preston, 271-272)
- Movies: Platoon, Coming Home, The Deer Hunter

מאמר

מקורות
- "The Kitchen Debate" between Nixon and Khrushchev, 1959. (Westad and Hanimaki Cold War Book)
- The Helsinki Final Act, in Jeremi Suri, American Foreign Relations since 1898: a Documentary Reader (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), 163-169
- Book: Herman Kahn, The Next 200 Years

מאמר
*Jeremi Suri, Henry Kissinger and the American Century (Boston, 2007), chap. 5.

מקורות
- "Kissinger and Chile — the Declassified Record," The National Security Archive (http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB437/).
- Movie: "Good Night and Good Luck".
- Movie: Missing

מאמר

г. הנסיכו האמריקניים بمישא ומיתו במעור: כללי
9. במימד הבין-תרבותי
מקורות:
- "Asian Values" versus the Washington Consensus" (Malaysian Prime Minister Bin Mohamad's speech, 1994), in Engel, Lawrence and Preston, pp. 343-344.
- Movie: !Saludos Amigos!
- Movie: Bananas
- Movie: Sayonara
מאמרים
*Raymond Cohen, Negotiating Across Cultures: Communication Obstacles in International Diplomacy (Washington, D.C., 1991), conclusion. (L)
מאמרים
Lebow, The Art of Bargaining, chap. 7.

10. אסטרטגיות כפייה: ענישה וסנקציות
מקורות
מאמרים
Lebow, The Art of Bargaining, chap. 7.

11. אסטרטגיות שילוב
מקורות
"China and 'Containment without Isolation' and "The Opening to China" in Engel, Lawrence and Preston, pp. 284-286, 295-297;
- Interviews with John Holdrige and Marshall Green, and memoirs of Marshall Green, at the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History Collection (http://adst.org/oral-history/).
- Movie: "Dr. No"
מאמרים
*Noam Kochavi, A Conflict Perpetuated (Praeger, 2002), chap. 1. (M)

12. ארצות הברית וסין: הבנות סמויות, פריצת דרך והבשלת הפשרה
מקורות
- Reagan's "Tear Down this Wall" speech

13. ארצות הברית וברית המועצות: מדוע סתיימה המלחמה הקרה
מקורות
סרטי: המרדף אחר אוקטובר האדום
- Reagan's "Tear Down this Wall" speech


 ćeısırı, "דיפלומטיה הקיפאון" ומלחמת יום כיפור 15

The US and the October War
(http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB98/nixon1.htm)

"President Carter and the Role of Intelligence in the Camp David Accords,"

Kanat, Shai, Mediators Amongst: Sadat, Kissinger, Carter and the American Effort to Promote Peace in the Middle East, 2003, 149-162.


Emily S. Rosenberg, Economic Interest and United States Foreign Policy, in Gordon Martel (ed.), American Foreign Relations Reconsidered, 43-48. (M)

*J. Garry Clifford, Bureaucratic Politics, in Hogan, Explaining, 1st edition, 41-50. (M)

Press, 1983), 260-281. (M)
Leslie H. Gelb, “Why Not the State Department?” in Ibid., 282-299. (M)

Robert Jervis, Why Intelligence Fails: Lessons from the Iranian Revolution and the Iraq War (Ithaca, 2010), chap. 4. (M)


Thomas Preston, The President and his Inner Circle, chap. 1. (M)


Donald Puchala, "The Atlantic Community in the Age of International Terrorism," Journal of Transatlantic Studies 3:1 (Spring 2005), 89-104. (M)


The Clinton Peace Parameters
http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Peace/clintplan.html


**Additional Reading Material:**
Robert Schulzinger, U.S. Diplomacy Since 1900 (E 744 S 399)
Thomas G. Paterson, Major Problems in American Foreign Policy (E 183.7 M 28 1995)
Michael Hogan and Thomas G. Paterson (eds.), Explaining the History of American Foreign Relations (E 183.7 E 96)
Michael Hogan, America in the World (E 744 A 486)
Michael H. Hunt, Crises in U.S. Foreign Policy (E 744 H 88)
Gordon Martel, American Foreign Relations Reconsidered, 1890-1993 (E 744 A 53)

**Course/Module evaluation:**
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 10 %
Project work 50 %
Assignments 40 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

**Additional information:**
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