

Paper V

HIS-UG-505: MODERN EUROPE MID 15TH CENTURY TO WORLD WAR II

Objective: The course aims at introducing students to some of the major developments in the modern Europe from the mid-15th century to the beginning of World War II. The focus of the course will not be so much on dynastic changes but more on social and economic trends of developments and the resultant emergence of ideologies that helped to shape the modern world.

Course content:

A. Crisis of feudalism and the rise of new monarchies: England, France, Spain, Scandinavian kingdoms-Denmark, Norway and Sweden, Poland.

Decline of Feudalism and the rise of the modern era-Renaissance and Reformation.

Economic origins of the modern western world-Marchantilism and the commercial revolution; Beginnings of colonialism.

B. Rise of the Absolutist state: Spain-economic integration through merchantilist inclinations; France – agrarian change, rural industry and market economy; England - agrarian development, industry and trade.

C. Era of Revolutions:

Scientific Revolution, Agricultural and Industrial Revolution and the rise of new social classes.

Glorious Revolution (1688)

French Revolution – The background and end of monarchy; rise of Napoleon and the reforms; Congress of Vienna and the Concert of Europe.

D. Liberalism and Nationalism : The ideologies.

Liberalism in England.

Nationalism in Europe: German nationalism – from unification to 1914; Italian nationalism and its developments from unification to 1914.

The ferment in the Balkans.

The Russian Revolution 1917.

E. Rise of New Imperialism:

World War I – Beginnings and peace settlements.

Economic and social crisis in the inter-war years and the emergence of new ideologies – Nazism and Fascism.

Origins of the Second World War.

Consequences of the Second World War-Divide of Imperialism and the concept of decolonization.

Essential Reading:

Anderson, Perry, *Lineages of the Absolute State*, Verso, London, 1974.

Fieldhouse, D.K., *The Colonial Empires-A Comparative Survey from 18th Century*, Macmillan, London, 1982.

Hayes, C., *Contemporary Europe since 1870*, Macmillan, 1970.

Hobsbawm, Eric, J., *Industry and Empire: The Birth of the Industrial Revolution*, New Press, 1999.

Joll, James, *Europe since 1870 : An International History*, Hammondsworth, 1976.

Phukan, Meenaxi, *Rise of the Modern West: Social and Economic History of Early Modern Europe*, Macmillan, 1998.

Postan, M.M. (ed.), *Cambridge Economic History of Europe Vol. I* Cambridge University Press, 1966.

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E.E. Rich & Wilson, C.H. Wilson (ed.), *Cambridge Economic History of Europe Vol. V*, Cambridge University Press, 1977.

Taylor, A.J.P., *Origins of the Second World War*, Harper-Row, 1973.

Thomson, David, *Europe since Napoleon*, Penguin, 1990.

Thomson, David, *World History. 1914 – 1968*, OUP, 1969.

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Paper – VI

HIS-UG-506: CONTEMPORARY WORLD 1939 – 1990

Objective: This course is designed to acquaint the students with the major political, social, economic and scientific developments in the contemporary world and their resultant effects.

Course content:

- A. Formation, objectives and organization of U.N., decolonization, case studies of Asia (India, Burma, Indonesia) and Africa (Algeria, Kenya, Congo, Ghana).
- B. Cold War and Power Relations: The Unstable Interwar system, NATO and Warsaw Pact, Invasion of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Afghanistan, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Berlin Blockade and Wall, Vietnam War, Non Aligned Movement.
- C. Oil and New Colonialism, Oil politics and crisis leading to formation of OPEC, Gulf War, OAU.
- D. Liberation Movements, Apartheid (South Africa), Feminist Movement.
- E. Social and Technological Development in contemporary world, space exploration and communication revolution, nuclear politics.

Essential Reading:

- Ash, Timothy Garton, *History of the Present*, Penguin Books, Harmondsworth, 1999.
- Banerjee, J., *Nuclear World, Defiance and Politics of Major Power*, Manas Pulications, New Delhi, 2002.
- Berry, N. & Roskin, M, *The New World of International Relations*, Prentice-Hall of India, New Delhi, 2002.
- Dev, Arjun & Dev Indira Arjun, *History of the World from the Late Nineteenth to the Early Twenty-First Century*, Orient Black Swan, New Delhi, 2009.
- Keylor, W.R., *The Twentieth-Century World and Beyond: An International History since 1900*, OUP, New York, 2005.
- Lowe, N., *Mastering Modern World History*, Macmillan, New Delhi, 1992.

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Palgrave, L., *Europe since 1945*, Macmillan, Pennsylvania, 2004.

Additional Reading:

Bachr, Peter R., *The United Nations at the End of the 1990s*, St. Martin's Press, New York, 1999.

Calvocoressi, Peter, *World Politics, 1945-2000*, Longman, London, 2000.

Friedan, Betty, *The Feminine Mystique*, Penguin, Harmondsworth, 2005 edition.

Fulbrook, M., *Europe since 1945*, OUP, New Delhi, 2001.

MacWilliams, W.C. & H. Piotrowski, *The World since 1945: A History of International Relations*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, New York, 2007 (PB).

Mansfield, Peter, *History of the Middle East*, Penguin Books, Harmondsworth, 1991.

Rowbotham, Shiela, *Hidden From History* (Pluto Classics), Pennsylvania, 1992 (PB).