

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 213 **Course Title** World History D
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Required course for International Studies concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** First trimester / Every year

7. Course Description

A short introduction to selected aspects of world history since World War II. The USA and USSR as superpowers. The Cold War. The UN system. Decolonization and the "Third World". Major regional powers. The Soviet collapse and its repercussions. Regional conflicts in the Middle East, South Asia and the Balkans. Economic, technological and scientific developments. The great consumer boom. OPEC and oil prices. The World Bank and IMF. The EU and other economic regionalisms. World poverty. New political movements : civil rights, feminism, fundamentalism, ethnic conflicts and nationalism.

8. Course Objective (s)

- (i) To give students an overview of the main developments in the World history during the period covered.
- (ii) To increase students' awareness of the nature of historical thinking and methodology.

9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Outcome of the Second World War	4	Dr. Marja-Leena Heikkilä-Horn
2	What caused the Cold War ?	4	
3	National Security and Soviet Foreign Policy	4	
4	Japan : Embracing Defeat	4	
5	War in Korea	4	
6	Asian Neutralists, Communists & Coups	4	
7	Impact of the Cold War on Latin America	4	
8	From Cuba to Chile	4	
9	Impact of the Cold War on Economies	4	
10	Conflict in the Middle East	4	
11	Southeast Asia in The Cold War	4	
	Total	44	

NB. The lecturer has the right to vary the topics as he / she see fit.

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lectures; questions and answers; classroom discussions.

11. Teaching Media

Notebook of lecture summaries.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

(i.e. Grading scheme) Grades given according to a fixed scale (Students receiving marks of 90% and above will receive letter grade A; those receiving less than 50% will fail, etc. Borderline cases (45 - 50%) may be passed if the student's attendance record, punctuality, and classroom demeanor have been exemplary.

13. Course evaluation

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluation will be based on two examinations (Mid-term / Final) each carrying 50% of the marks. Questions will normally take the short answer and / or essay format.

14. Reference (s)

- (i) David Reynolds : One World Divisible. A Global History since 1945. New York 2000.
- (ii) Leffler, Melvyn P. & David P. Painter : Origins of the Cold War. An International History. London 1994.
- (iii) Lowe, Norman : Mastering Modern World History. London 1997.

15. Instructor (s)

Dr. Marja-Leena Heikkilä-Horn

16. Course Coordinator

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