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HST 3591: Seminar in Global Political History
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Conceptual and Pedagogical Objectives:

This seminar addresses politics at the global level, for the period from the eighteenth century to the present. In it, students are expected to identify and analyze political trends at the global level (that is, beyond the national level), and to explore the interrelations of global politics with political processes at national and subnational levels.

This course is a research seminar, meaning that (within the 11 weeks allotted to us+ACE-) students will do relevant background reading, define an appropriate research topic, conduct the research in a mixture of secondary and primary sources, write a paper conveying the research results in good style and with proper documentation, and present the paper orally and in writing to the other participants in the seminar.

Topical Focus:

Participants in the seminar are invited to define research topics within two broad categories:

- A. Empires, nations, and their interactions (18th and 19th century topics.)
- B. International organizations (20th century topics).

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, much of the world was governed by empires rather than nations+ADs- empires and nations overlapped in various ways. Britain and France, for instance, were strong national units at home, but they were also the core territories of wide-ranging empires. Austrian, Russian, Ottoman, Spanish, Chinese and other empires competed with each other and with national units within and beyond their borders. Seminar papers on this topic should seek to elicit the dynamics of interaction of empires and nations for one or more situations.

For the twentieth century, and especially for the period since 1945, the rise of international organizations has been one of the distinguishing characteristics of world history. The United Nations, NATO, the Organization of African Unity, the World Bank, GATT, the International Olympics Committee, Shell Oil, Mitsubishi and the Internet only begin to tap the list of such organizations. Seminar papers on this topic should focus on one or more international organizations, explore their patterns of behavior, their ancestry and development and, at least implicitly, suggest how the world is different because of the rise of such organizations.

Required Reading:

These books, and probably some additional articles, will be read in the early weeks of the seminar, to provide orientation and stimulate discussion.

Liss, Peggy, *Atlantic Empires*
Gellner, Ernest, *Nations and Nationalism*
Anderson, Benedict, *Imagined Communities*, rev. ed.

Huntington, Samuel, The Third Wave
Findley, Carter, et al, Twentieth-Century World

Class Meetings:

1. September 28. Introduction.
2. October 5. Discuss Liss.
3. October 12. Discuss Findley.
Submit research proposals.
4. October 19. Discuss Anderson.
Submit bibliography.
5. October 26. Discuss Gellner.
6. November 2. Discuss Huntington.
7. November 9. Submit progress report.
8. November 16. Discuss research papers.
9. November 30. International organizations in
world history.
10. December 7. Present final papers.
11. December 14. Review and party.

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