

## **United Nations: A Global History: Conference Course**

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Explores the history of international organizations, including programs concerned with economic crises, economic development, security, and environment. Taught in conjunction with the development of a new web-based curriculum on United Nations history.

There will be three assignments, of which one will be a five-page paper, one will be a creative assignment (such as a video, a website, or a project of digitization of archival materials), and one will be a collaborative project.

#### **1. Introduction**

Glenda Sluga and Sunil Amrith, "New Histories of the U.N.," *Journal of World History*, vol. 19, no. 3 (Sep. 2008), 251-274.

Emma Rothschild, "The Archives of Universal History," *Journal of World History*, vol. 19, no. 3 (Sep. 2008), 375-401.

#### **2. World War One and international organizations**

Paul Kennedy, "The Troubled Advance to a New World Order, 1815-1945," in *The Parliament of Man* (2006), 3-24.

Susan Pedersen, "Back to the League of Nations: Review Essay," *AHR*, vol. 112, no. 4 (Oct. 2007), 1091-1117, 1091-1093, 1112-1116.

Prasenjit Duara, "The Discourse of Civilization and Pan-Asianism," *Journal of World History* vol. 12, no. 1 (2001), 99-130.

Sugata Bose, "Different Universalisms, Colorful Cosmopolitanisms: The Global Imagination of the Colonized," in Sugata Bose and Kris Manjappa (eds.), *Cosmopolitan Thought Zones: South Asia and the Global Circulation of Ideas* (2010), 97-111.

#### **3. The Great Depression in Global History**

Dietmar Rothermund, *The Global Impact of the Great Depression, 1929-1939* (1996), 1-18, 87-97, 120-125 and 136-148.

Charles Kindleberger, "An Explanation of the 1929 Depression," *The World in Depression, 1929-1939* (1986), 288-306.

#### **4. The creation of the United Nations: World War Two and after**

Mark Mazower, *No Enchanted Palace: The End of Empire and the Ideological Origins of the United Nations* (2009), 7-65.

Waldo G. Leland, "The Background and Antecedents of UNESCO," *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*, vol. 90, no. 4 (Sep., 1946), 295-299.

Joyce Chapman Lebra, "Postwar Perspectives on Japan's Greater East Asia Co-Prosperty Sphere," *Harmon memorial lectures in Military History* (1991), 1-13.

#### **5. Bretton Woods Institutions and the United Nations**

\*\*\*Paper outline due

Paul Kennedy, "Economic Agendas, North and South," in *The Parliament of Man* (2006), 113-142.

Harold James, *International Monetary Cooperation since Bretton Woods* (1996), 1-57.

## **6. The early United Nations: Decolonization**

**\*\*\*Assignment One: Five-page paper due**

Documents from Bandung conference: (1) The memorandum accompanying Indonesian Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo's invitation to the conference (2) Indonesian President Sukarno's speech opening the conference (3) Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister Zhou Enlai's speech to the conference (4) The minutes of a discussion of the United Nations by the conference's political committee (5) The conference's final communiqué.

Sunil Amrith, "Asian Internationalism: Bandung's Echo in a Colonial Metropolis," *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*, vol. 6, no.4, (Dec. 2005), 557-69.

## **7. The United Nations, Global Health, and the Invention of Humanitarianism**

Constitution of the WHO, July 22, 1946

Sunil Amrith, *Decolonizing International Health: India and Southeast Asia, 1930-1965* (2006), chapters 3-5.

## **8. The United Nations and the Global Environment**

Matthew Connelly, "Seeing beyond the State: The Population Control Movement and the Problem of Sovereignty," *Past & Present*, no. 193 (Nov., 2006), 197-233.

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## **9. The United Nations and Conflict**

### **10. The United Nations and Economic Development**

Thomas Weiss (ed.), *UN voices: the struggle for development and social justice* (2005), chapters 8-10.

### **11. The United Nations, Human Rights and International Law**

**\*\*\*Assignment Two: creative assignment due**

Carol Anderson, "International Conscience, the Cold War, and Apartheid: The NAACP's Alliance with the Reverend Michael Scott for South West Africa's Liberation, 1946-1951," *Journal of World History*, vol. 19, no. 3 (Sept. 2008), 297-325.

Roland Burke, "From Individual Rights to National Development: The First UN International Conference on Human Rights, Tehran, 1968," *Journal of World History*, vol. 19, no. 3 (Sept. 2008), 275-296.

Mark Mazower, "The Strange Triumph of Human Rights, 1933-1950," *The Historical Journal*, vol. 47, no. 2 (Jun., 2004), 379-398.

### **12. The United Nations and Peacekeeping**

### **13. The future of the United Nations**

**\*\*\*Assignment Three: collaborative project due**