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

2. World War One and international organizations

3. The Great Depression in Global History

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

5. Bretton Woods Institutions and the United Nations
***Paper outline due***

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.

7. **The United Nations, Global Health, and the Invention of Humanitarianism**
   Constitution of the WHO, July 22, 1946

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

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***

12. **The United Nations and Peacekeeping**

13. **The future of the United Nations**
   ***Assignment Three: collaborative project due***