

Y9 -Contemporary History: Europe and the World in the 20th century

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Semester: 3rd

ECTS:4.5

Short Description:

The course examines events, phenomena and processes in contemporary European and world history. It includes introductory sections on developments in the 19th century, but the emphasis is on the history of the 20th century. The analysis focuses on World War I, the Russian Revolution, the totalitarian ideologies and regimes of the interwar period, the "Cold War", colonialism and decolonization, the division and unification of Europe during the 1945-1991 period, the fall of communism, the emergence of the post-communist world and the development of the process of globalization.

Aims:

- To familiarise students with contemporary European and world history
- To enable students to understand the historical processes and events that contributed to the emergence of the modern world
- To offer students the opportunity to employ historical knowledge in order to critically understand contemporary political and social phenomena

Learning Outcomes:

- Students completing the course should
- Be aware of key facts and phenomena of modern European and world history
- Understand the processes of the formation of the modern world
- Be able to build on historical knowledge in order to analyze contemporary social phenomena

Structure:

The course consists of 13 weekly three-hour lectures. The instructor develops the themes and presents relevant literature or other educational material. Educational visits to places of historic interest (museums, monuments, etc.) are included.

Assessment:

Assessment will be through a written examination on the subjects of the course after the completion of the course. The final assessment will also be through optional written assignments related to the course themes.

Bibliography:

Serge Bernstein-Pierre Milza (2009), *Histoire de l'Europe contemporaine*, Alexandria, Athens.

Norman Davies (2010), *Europe: A History*. Nefeli, Athens

Eric Hobsbawm (1995), *The Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century, 1914–1991*, Themelio, Athens.

Mark Mazower (2001), *Dark Continent: Europe's 20th Century*, Alexandria, Athens.