COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY
Country Germany
Host Institution Free University of Berlin
Program(s) European Studies
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) International Studies History
UCEAP Course Number 107
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title HISTORY OF EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY
UCEAP Transcript Title HIST EU DIPLOMACY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course surveys the history of European diplomacy since 1814. Topics covered: Napoleon's conquests and the French Empire; the defeat of Napoleon and the gathering in Vienna in 1814-15 to restore the old order; a Concert of Europe based on a set of informal norms to govern relations between states; liberal national movements and various crises caused by the instability of the Ottoman Empire; the creation of a new form of European nation-states (i.e. Italy and Germany). The course discusses how the character of European diplomacy was profoundly altered, in particular by Bismarck's particular brand of foreign policy and a new wave of imperialism, but also by the idea of internationalism. The course then moves on to 1914, where a minor crisis in Sarajevo turned into a European and, eventually, global war. This part of the course discusses the efforts at the Paris Peace Conference to institutionalize a system of collective security. However, with the advent of new aggressive and belligerent regimes, this endeavor failed miserably. After the Second World War, Great Britain and France both lost their Empire, though each of them in their own way. At the same time, Western Europe tried to further integrate on a regional level and, at first, focused on economic integration. Only later on did European states increase integration on a political and diplomatic level as well. The violent break-up of Yugoslavia with its ensuing ethnic tensions and the embarrassing display of European disunity undoubtedly hastened this process.

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