COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY: EUROPE AND THE WORLD
Country Germany
Host Institution Free University of Berlin
Program(s) Berlin Summer
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History European Studies
UCEAP Course Number 110
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTERNATIONAL HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY: EUROPE AND THE WORLD
UCEAP Transcript Title EUROPE & THE WORLD
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description
This course investigates the reasons why the European powers lost their empires and how they came to terms with their loss of powers. It also considers the ways in which Europe still takes center stage in many of the global developments of the twentieth century . The course begins with the July Crisis 1914 and moves forward chronologically. Major parts concern the two World Wars, warfare that devastated the whole continent, with Germany always at the heart of the conflict. Then, the process of decolonization is examined, which the colonial powers resisted as long as they could, by sometimes peaceful, but more often violent means. The Suez Crisis came as a turning point. In times of the Cold War, it revealed to Great Britain and France that their precarious international position was irrevocable and forced them to adopt new strategies. Regional integration (or close bilateral cooperation) was one of them, a special transatlantic partnership another, and the acquisition of the atomic bomb a third. Last but not least, they both tried to retain considerable influence over their former colonies, in political as well as in economic matters. This course is an international history of the twentieth century from a strictly Western European point of view, as very strong emphasis is laid on the three main European powers: Great Britain, France and Germany. In cursory overviews as well as in particular case studies it is made clear that Europe's role in the world was not always beneficial. Political history is at the center of this class. Yet, over the course of the twentieth century, economic and legal aspects did become more and more important, not to mention the growing impact of various ideological worldviews and cultural perceptions. Consequently, all these issues have to be addressed simultaneously.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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