COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY
Country Japan
Host Institution International Christian University
Program(s) International Christian University
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 50
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTERNATIONAL HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title INTERNATIONAL HIST
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

This course introduces the history of international relations, with an emphasis on the ways in which the Great Powers came to conceive, shape, and dominate the current ‘international system’. Although it follows a broad chronological trajectory, the course goes beyond traditional narratives and explanations of diplomatic relations by considering what French historians have come to refer to as ‘les forces profondes’ (or ‘deeper factors’) affecting international relations (IR), including economic, demographic, geopolitical and cultural factors that shaped the identity and foreign policies of nation-states. An important part of this process of identity formation--and of this course--revolves around the question of how national identities shaped (and were in turn shaped by) the relations of European states both with each other and with non-Europeans, especially Africa, East Asia, and the Pacific. A central theme of this course is the idea that the Great Powers not only shape the ‘international system’ but are also shaped by it-- by their experiences of colonization. The course also addresses the critical assessment of historiographic sources (and of the question 'what is history'?); the use of theoretical IR tools to make sense of key international events, and the appraisal of the multiple ways in which variables such as actors, structures and processes contributed to shape the current ‘international system.’

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
IRL101E

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Host Institution Campus

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