

## **Great Power Politics in the Twentieth Century and Beyond**

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Credits: 04

### **Course Objectives**

Combining international relations with contemporary history, Great Power Politics in the Twentieth Century and Beyond will give students both the theoretical and empirical knowledge necessary to comprehend the most important issues in global politics today. The first part of the course will outline the main theoretical questions behind key issues such as international law, security and human rights. The second part will range from the July Crisis of 1914 through to today's debates over global governance to show how these theoretical issues manifest themselves in practice. By the end of the course, students will understand how the combination of theory and history can provide a powerful tool to understand today's world.

### **Requirements**

The course and evaluations will be conducted entirely in English. Good English reading comprehension, reading and writing skills are therefore required.

### **Evaluation**

The course will be assessed in the following form:

- 20% Class participation
- 40% First-week exam
- 40% Second-week exam

1	Great Powers and International Order	<p>Hedley Bull, <i>Anarchical Society</i>, pp. 194-222</p> <p>Gerry Simpson, <i>Great Powers and Outlaw States</i>, pp. 62-88</p>
2	Great Powers and International Law	<p>Nico Krisch, <i>International Law in Times of Hegemony: Unequal Power and the Shaping of the International Legal Order</i>. <i>European Journal of International Law</i>, 2005.</p>
3	Great Powers and International Institutions	<p>Robert Wade, <i>The Art of Power Maintenance: How Western States Keep the Lead in Global Organizations</i>. <i>Challenge</i>, 2013.</p>
4	Great Powers and Human Rights	<p>R. J. Vincent, <i>Human Rights and International Relations</i>. Cambridge University Press, 1986, chapter 8.</p>
5	Great Powers and War	<p>Andrew Hurrell, <i>On Global Order: Power, Values and the Constitution of International Society</i>. Oxford University Press, 2007. Chapter seven.</p>

6	The Great Failure: July Crisis of 1914.	Dominic Lieven, Towards the Flame: Empire, War and the End of Tsarist Russia (Penguin, 2016), 313-342.
7	Running the World? Great Powers and the United Nations	Mark Mazower, No Enchanted Palace: The End of Empire and the Ideological Origins of the United Nations (Princeton UP, 2009), 1-27.
8	Détente: Managing Great Powers in the Cold War	Jussi M. Hanhimäki, "Conservative goals, revolutionary outcomes: the paradox of détente," Cold War History 8:4 (2008), 503-12.
9	One Rule for You, Another for Me: Great Powers and Nuclear Nonproliferation	Shane J. Maddock, Nuclear Apartheid: The Quest for American Atomic Supremacy from World War II to the Present (University of North Carolina Press, 2011), 1-9, 285-301.
10	Looking Outward: The Human Rights Revolution of the 1970s-1990s	Samuel Moyn, The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History (Harvard UP, 2008), 120-175.