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Winter Semester 2017/18:  

Raum: Hörsaal des Historischen Seminars  
Zeit: Montag, 11.00 - 13.00 Uhr  
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Syllabus  

16 October 2017: Traditions, Approaches, Debates  
23 October 2017: The United States Emerges as an Imperialist Power  
30 October 2017: Wilsonian Internationalism, 1913-1920  
6 November 2017: Economic Diplomacy and Political Isolationism, 1921-1938  
13 November 2017: The U.S. and the Second World War  
20 November 2017: The Origins of the Cold War  
4 December 2017: The U.S., the Cold War, and the Third World  
11 December 2017: The Vietnam War  
18 December 2017: The Age of Détente  
8 January 2018: Empire by Invitation? The U.S. and Western Europe  
15 January 2018: The U.S. and the Middle East
22 January 2018: The End of the Cold War and the Search for a New World Order

29 January 2018: 9/11 and the “Global War on Terror”

5 February 2018: Exams

Selected Bibliography

Reference Works, Surveys, Document Collections:


Monographs:


**Internet Resources**

**Government Websites**

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
http://www.cia.gov/

Government Publishing Office (GPO)
This website, sponsored by the U.S. government, offers a detailed list of resources online, including the *Congressional Record* (available online material begins with the year 1994).
https://www.gpo.gov/

Joint Chiefs of Staff
http://www.jcs.mil/
Library of Congress
http://www.loc.gov/
  • Collection Guides and Bibliographies
    http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/PrimDocsHome.html
  • Thomas. Legislative Information on the Internet
    http://thomas.loc.gov/

National Security Agency (NSA)
https://www.nsa.gov/

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
http://www.archives.gov/

Presidential Libraries
  • Herbert Hoover Library → http://hoover.archives.gov/
  • Franklin D. Roosevelt Library → http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/
  • Harry S. Truman Library → http://www.trumanlibrary.org/
  • Dwight D. Eisenhower Library → http://www.eisenhower.utexas.edu/
  • John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library → http://www.jfklibrary.org/
  • Lyndon Baines Johnson Library → http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/
  • Nixon Presidential Materials Staff → http://nixon.archives.gov/index.php
  • Gerald R. Ford Library → http://www.ford.utexas.edu/
  • Jimmy Carter Library → http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.org/
  • Ronald Reagan Library → http://www.reagan.utexas.edu/
  • George Bush Library → http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/
  • William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum → http://www.clintonlibrary.gov/

United States Department of Defense
The official website of the Department of Defense allows visitors to search for a variety of materials including speeches and news briefings by the Secretary of Defense and Military Spokesmen.
http://www.defenselink.mil/

U.S. Department of State
Especially of interest at the State Department website are the volumes of the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) available for online research.
http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/

U.S. Senate
Some materials, as well as basic information, can be found in the Arts and History, Reference and the Legislation & Records sections.
http://www.senate.gov/
http://foreign.senate.gov/

U.S. House of Representatives
The official site of the United States House of Representatives offers certain documents relevant to Congressional hearings and debates on foreign affairs; most can be found through the Office of the House Clerk.
http://www.house.gov/
http://clerk.house.gov/
White House
The official website of the Executive branch offers access to Executive Memos, Speeches and Press Releases and has sections dedicated to National Security, as well as the war in Iraq.
http://www.whitehouse.gov/
  • National Security Council (NSC) → http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/

Websites Dedicated to Primary Sources

Avalon Project at the Yale Law School: Foreign Relations of the United States
http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/forrel.asp

Cold War International History Project (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars)
This website offers a variety of materials and primary sources on the Cold War period and has collections on The Korean War, The 1965 Polish and Hungarian Crises, The Cuban Missile Crises, The 1980-81 Polish Crises, The Soviet Invasion in Afghanistan, and The End of the Cold War.
http://wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=topics.home

University of Wisconsin Digital Collections
The University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries in cooperation with the University of Illinois at Chicago Libraries offers access to additional volumes in the FRUS series not yet posted by the U.S. Department of State.
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/FRUS/

Vincent Ferraro, Resources for the Study of International Relations and Foreign Policy
This site, powered by Prof. Vincent Ferraro of Mount Holyoke College, includes a comprehensive list of primary documents available on the web. In the documents section, one can find links to primary sources related to specific periods in American Foreign Policy such as U.S. history to 1898, 1898 to 1918, World War I., the interim war period, World War II., The Cold War, and Vietnam among others.
http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/feros-pg.htm#ttanks

Additional Links of Interest

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (Harvard University)
http://www.belfercenter.org/
Brookings Institution
http://www.brook.edu/
Center for Strategic and International Studies
http://www.csis.org/
Columbia International Affairs Online
http://www.ciaonet.org/
Council on Foreign Affairs
https://www.cfr.org/
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
http://www.carnegieendowment.org/

Cato Institute
http://www.cato.org/

Foreign Policy in Focus
http://fpif.org/

The Harvard Project on Cold War Studies
http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~hpcws/index2.htm