

**Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg**

**Professur für Politikwissenschaft, insb. international vergleichende Politikfeldanalyse**

**PWB-PF-S Seminar Politikfeldanalyse:**

*Contemporary History for Political Scientists, 1789-2010s*

**Lecturer:** Dr Michele Mioni

**Description:** Seminar (PWB-PF-S: Seminar Policy Analysis)

**Hours and Room:** Mi 16:00 - 18:00, [F21/03.50](#)

**Credits:** 6

**Evaluation and Workload:** Students are expected to read the documents and chapters assigned for each class to actively participate in the course. Depending on the number of students, the evaluation will consist of:

Presentation of the assigned readings, i.e., summary, research questions, critical analysis, in-class discussion (30% of the final grade);

Short research paper (6,000 words) on the topics studied in class (70% of the final grade).

**Language of the Course:** English

**Short Description**

The seminar provides an introduction of the general processes, events, and topics of the contemporary political history from the French Revolution to our days. While focusing mainly on European and US history, the seminar aims to include a more global approach that cover case-studies and histories from (post-)colonial areas, the Far East and Latin American history. The seminar is specifically designed to offer a broad understanding of the historical processes that are of interest to students of political science. Students will reach general knowledge on the socio-economic, political and cultural aspects that feature contemporary history.

19.10.2022 1. Introduction: Presentation of the Course, Reading List, Exam

26.10.2022 2. The “dual revolution”, 1789s-1830s ca

Readings:

E.J. Hobsbawm, *The Age of Revolutions, 1789-1848*, New York, Vintage Books, 1996, pp. 27-76.

02.11.2022 3. From the Napoleonic Wars to the Restoration, 1803-1831

Readings:

E.J. Hobsbawm, *The Age of Revolutions, 1789-1848*, New York, Vintage Books, 1996, pp. 77-108.

09.11.2022 4. Revolution, liberalism, nationalism, 1831-1848

Readings:

R. Gildea, *Barricades and Borders, Europe 1800-1914*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2003, pp. 52-81.

09.11.2022 5. From the “Springtime of the Peoples” to the national unifications in Europe, 1848-1870s ca

Readings:

E.J. Hobsbawm, *The Age of Capital, 1848-1875*, London, Abacus, 1977, pp. 21-42 and pp. 103-121.

- 23.11.2022 6. Europe and the wider world, 1860s-1914 ca  
Readings:  
E.J. Hobsbawm, *The Age of Empire, 1875-1914*, New York, Vintage, 1989, pp. 56-83.
- 23.11.2022 7. A new beginning? The Great War and the Soviet Revolution, 1914-1922  
Readings:  
S. Pons, *The Global Revolution. A History of International Communism, 1917-1991*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2014, pp. 1-42.
- 07.12.2022 8. Fascisms, communism, Democracy: the global interwar period, 1918-1939  
Readings:  
M. Mazower, *Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century* New York, Vintage, 2000, pp. 3-40.
- 14.12.2022 9. From the Second world war to the Cold War, 1939-1989  
Readings:  
T. Judt, *Postwar: A History of Europe since 1945*, New York, Penguin Press, 2005, pp. 324-359.
- 21.12.2022 10. Cold War and decolonisation, 1945-1970s ca  
Readings:  
O.A. Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2005, pp. 73-109.
- 11.01.2023 11. The world after the Cold War: an overview, 1989-2011  
Readings:  
G. Ikenberry, "The Restructuring of the International System after the Cold War", in *The Cold War. Vol. III*, eds. By M.L. Jeffler and O.A. Westad, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 535-556.
- 18.01.2023 12. European integration: a historical outlook from the post-war period to our days 1945-2010s  
Readings:  
M. Gilbert, "Historicising European Integration History", *European Review of International Studies*, no.2 (2021), pp. 221-240.
- 25.01.2022 13. Closing Session