

### **Crisis Diplomacy: The View from Vienna**

A comparative historical study of the struggle of the European states to create a peaceful world and how they succumb to the temptation to use war to bring about change. The course looks at selected cases from 1815 (the Congress of Vienna) through to the present, in light of international relations theory, to see how diplomacy works, what distinguishes crises that lead to war from those that do not, and how various systems of global governance (including those at work today) are constructed and break down. All of the major wars are reviewed but the emphasis is on Austria and Italy through the wars of Italian and German Unification and World War I and World War II. Contemporary diplomacy is reviewed through an examination of OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries), the UN, the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency), the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, and the OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe), among others (all located in Vienna). Field trips include visits to the Austro-Hungarian State Archives, the Military Museum, Schonbrunn (Maria Theresa's and Franz Josef's summer palace), as well as one classical concert and one art museum (most likely the Belvedere--Klimt collection).

Note: This is not a history course but a political science course that uses historical material to make inferences about the quality of foreign policy decision making and the factors that bring about war or avoid it.

#### **Required Books**

- James L. Richardson, *CRISIS DIPLOMACY: THE GREAT POWERS SINCE MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY* (Cambridge University Press, 1994)
- Samuel R. Williamson, Jr., and Russel Van Wyk, *JULY 1914: SOLDIERS, STATESMEN AND THE COMING OF THE GREAT WAR: A BRIEF DOCUMENTARY HISTORY* (Bedford/St. Martin's, 2003)
- J. Martin Rochester, *BETWEEN PERIL AND PROMISE: THE POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW*, selections

#### **Required Reading**

Frank J. Coppa, *THE ORIGINS OF THE ITALIAN WARS OF INDEPENDENCE*, selections (Longman, 1995), 2 chapters

One of the following to fulfill cultural requirement:

Sigmund Freud, *CIVILIZATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS*.

Franz Kafka, *THE TRIAL*

Thomas Mann, *THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN* (extra credit if you read them in German)

#### **Recommended**

Norman Rich, *GREAT POWER DIPLOMACY, 1814-1914* (McGraw-Hill, 1992)(a text for those who need background) (one chap provided)

Williamson, Samuel R. (1991) *AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND THE ORIGINS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR* (New York: St. Martin's Press).

PH Bell, THE ORIGINS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN EUROPE, second edition. (New York: Longman) (one chapter provided)

## **Course Requirements**

### **MID-TERM 30%**

**Paper (5-6 pages) 10%.** One of two options: 1) A report on one of the IGOs that we visit, with the exception of OPEC a first draft and/or an oral report is due before we visit or 2) a policy analysis of a contemporary issue facing an IGO we visit (first draft to be handed in before the visit and then revised after the visit). All topics to be approved by instructor.

**Cultural Paper (2-3 pages) and Observation Exercise. 10%** Paper: Brief report on one of the recommended books. Observation Exercise: Submit a list of 100 German words you have learned to read and understand by observing them while living in Vienna—25 due at the end of the first week; another 25 due before the mid-term and the last 50 due by the final.

**Class participation on Crises cases 20%:** All students must be prepared to discuss each crisis on the day it is listed. In addition, you will choose three crises in which you will specialize and the days those crises are discussed you will be expected to participate more.

The IGO visits are included in your class participation grade. You will be required to write a one page response to at least *two* of our visits to the IGOs. Questions asked at briefing in IGOs will also be part of this grade. Details on the response paper will be given in class.

### **Final exam-30%**

**Class attendance** and participation are expected and will be taken into account in assigning the final grade. Attendance on all field trips required. Excessive absence will lower your grade or in extreme case can result in failing the course.

## **Educational Objectives**

By the end of this course you should have attained the following objectives:

1. Have a good historical knowledge of the major actors, issues, dynamics, and outcomes of the Crimean War, Wars of Italian and German Unification, World War I, the Munich crisis, World War II, and some of the contemporary security, energy, and environmental issues facing European diplomats and selected international organizations.
2. Be able to identify the major factors that separate crises that go to war from those that do not.
3. Be able to identify in a decision process how war could have been avoided and to

understand why it was not. Be able to identify how war could have come about in a crisis that did not escalate to war and to understand why war did not emerge when it could have.

4. Be able to read and interpret original historical documents and see how they are used by historians to make inferences and arguments. To get a sense of how such documents are stored for scholarly use.

5. To see how museums are organized to convey certain messages. To compare museums in different nations in terms of the messages they convey and the memories they institutionalize.

6. To learn how to use counter-factual thinking to draw theoretical inferences.

7. Be able to see how decision makers are drawn into war whether they want it or not, including what some might describe as unnecessary wars.

8. Have a grasp of how contemporary IGOs create a system of global governance to deal with problems of nuclear proliferation, energy, crisis prevention, peace keeping, and controlling chemical and biological weapons through multilateral diplomacy with reference to the OPEC, IAEA, UN, OSCE. Have a position on the effectiveness of each of these organizations.

9. Have a substantive overview of some the major issues facing diplomats working in Vienna.

10. To learn how to phrase and ask intelligent questions of diplomats. To learn how, when relevant, to read between the lines of diplomatic language.

11. Practice and improve your written and oral skills.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **I. INTRODUCTION: TOPICS AND CASES**

### **II. PEACE, NORMS, AND THE AVOIDANCE OF WAR**

#### **A. THE CONGRESS OF VIENNA AND THE CONCERT OF EUROPE**

#### **B. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE CONCERT**

##### **1. THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EASTERN CRISIS**

##### **2. THE CRIMEAN WAR**

##### **3. THE WARS OF ITALIAN INDEPENDENCE**

###### **a. 1848**

###### **b. 1859**

###### **c. 1866 and the struggle for Venice**

- d. 1870
  - e. Music and War: Strauss and Verdi
4. THE WARS OF GERMAN UNIFICATION
    - a. 1866 and the struggle between Austria and Prussia
    - b. 1870 and the Franco-Prussian war
- III. RIVALRY, CRISES, POWER POLITICS, AND WAR
- A. WORLD WAR I
    1. JULY 1914
    2. USING DOCUMENTS TO STUDY THE ORIGINS OF THE WAR
    3. THE CULTURAL IMPACT OF THE WAR: THE END OF THE HABSBURGS, FREUD, THOMAS MANN, AND KAFKA
  - B. WORLD WAR II
    1. ANSCHLUSS, MUNICH, AND PRAGUE
    2. STEPS TO WAR IN EUROPE
- IV. REVIEW AND REFLECTIONS
- A. IDENTIFYING PATTERNS IN CRISES
  - B. ALLIANCE PATHS TO WAR
  - C. THE ROLE OF DOMESTIC POLITICS
- VI. CONTEMPORARY DIPLOMACY AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE (This part is interspersed throughout the course because of field trip availability)
- A. ENERGY AND WEALTH: OPEC AND THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH
  - B. SECURITY POLITICS: TRYING TO CONSTRUCT A SECURITY REGIME
    1. UN
    2. IAEA: NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND IRAN
    3. US MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA
    4. OSCE

### **COURSE READINGS AND ASSIGNMENT DATES**

May 12

11:40am (11:40): Arrival

5:30pm (17:30): Welcome Dinner, meet in Panorama at 5pm depart 5:15pm

May 13

9:30am (9:30): Class in WU, meet at Dorm at 9:30am sharp to get to classroom

10:00am (10:00): Introduction to Course

May 14 Peace, Norms, the Congress of Vienna, and the Concert of Europe

Read: Richardson, Skim Ch. 1-3 (reading should be done before class on this date)

Read: Richardson, Ch. 10 (skip pp. 222-226)

Recommended, Norman Rich, Ch. 1-2; Henry Kissinger, A World Restored

- May 15            10:00am (10:00): 2<sup>nd</sup> Eastern Crisis, Why was war avoided?  
Read: Richardson, Ch. 11  
Afternoon orientation tour of Vienna with Prof. Vasquez
- May 16            10:00am (10:00): The Crimean War: Why did it occur? Could it  
                         have been avoided?  
Read: Richardson, Ch. 5 and pp. 293-94, Ch. 14  
Recommended: Rich Ch. 7
- May 17            Optional tour of Schonbrunn
- May 20  
                     10:00am (10:00): Wars of Italian Independence: 1848 (Franz Josef, Johann  
                         Strauss I: Radetzky March, Empress Sisi)  
                         Wars of Italian Independence: 1860, 1866, 1870  
Read Coppa, Italian Wars (handout) Parts I and II  
Recommended: Rich, Ch. 6, 8
- 1:00pm (13:00): Leave University  
                     2:00pm (14:00): UN Tour  
                     3:00pm (15:00): IAEA Lecture
- May 21  
                     10: 00am (10:00): Global Governance: High Politics—The Problem of Nuclear  
                         Proliferation  
TBA: US Mission
- May 22  
                     10:00am (10:00): Wars of German Unification, Franco-Prussian War  
                         Read Carr (handout) on Seven Weeks' War (1866)  
                         Franco-Prussian War  
Read: Richardson, pp. 161-70, 289-90, 310-11  
Recommended: Rich, Ch. 11
- TBA: CTBTO Visit
- May 23  
                     (10:30): The July 1914 crisis: Serbia, Austria-Hungary, Germany  
                         Read: Williamson and Van Wyk, Ch. 1-4, Italy, Ch. 6  
                         Read: Norman Rich, Ch. 26
- 2:00pm (14:00): State archives: Afternoon, tba: Read Williamson Chapters on

Serbia and Austria-Hungary beforehand

May 24-27

4-Day Weekend: Optional Tour Venice, Italy

May 28 **DO NOT MISS CLASS**

10:00am (10:00): WWI Could it have been avoided

World War I: How Did It Spread? Russia, France, Britain

Read: Williamson and Van Wyk, Ch. 5, 7-Appendixes

Skim: Richardson, Ch. 12 No Class (2 day weekend)

Recommended visit to Central Café

May 29

10:00am (10:00): Midterm

1:00pm (13:00): Military Museum (1848, 1859, 1866, 1914)

May 30

9 am OSCE Visit. We might gather at 8:30, tba.

Cultural Impact of World War I, Post-War Vienna, 1919-1932

May 31-June 2

3-Day Weekend: Austrian Religious Holiday: Break for optional travel to Prague or Munich

Read, Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents or Kafka, The Trial

June 3

10:00am (10:00): Security Politics: Trying to Construct a Security Regime

Contemporary Global Governance: Energy, Security, North-South Issues

Read Rochester, Ch. 1-2, 5

OPEC Visit

June 4

10:00am (10:00): Anschluss, Munich 1938 (Sudeten) Crisis

Read: Richardson, Ch. 7, pp. 290-91, 313-14

Optional Tour of Belvedere Museum (Art Museum), Klimt's painting: "The Kiss"

\*cultural paper on Kafka or Freud due

June 5

10:00am (10:00): World War II in Europe

Recommended: PMH Bell, Ch. 15

(TBA?) 2pm VDP student reports on Global Governance, attendance required

June 6

10:00am (10:00): Conclusion: Identifying Patterns in Crises  
Afternoon: optional review for Final

June 7

10:00am (10:00): Final Exam  
TBA: Farewell Dinner

June 8 open day for Vienna museums

June 9 Charter Departs

## **Classroom Information**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Monday	05/14/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 5.48 (D)
Wednesday	05/16/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 2.25 (B)
Friday	05/18/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 3.34 (B)
Monday	05/21/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 1.15 (D)
Tuesday	05/22/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 2.25 (B)
Wednesday	05/23/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 2.25 (B)
Thursday	05/24/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 2.25 (B)
Friday	05/25/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 2.25 (B)
Tuesday	05/29/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 2.25 (B)
Wednesday	05/30/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 1.12 (B)
Thursday	05/31/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 2.25 (B)
Friday	06/01/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 3.34 (B)
Monday	06/04/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 5.48 (D)
Tuesday	06/05/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 5.48 (D)
Wednesday	06/06/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 2.26 (C)
Friday	06/08/12	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SR 5.47 (C)