The History of United States Foreign Policy since 1898
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Required Readings

Description
This seminar will examine the historical development of American foreign policy from the nation’s emergence as a world power in the late nineteenth century through the contemporary war on terror. Lectures, readings, discussions, and other activities will cover all of the major moments in American foreign policy since 1898: the Spanish-American War, the First World War, the Second World War, the origins of the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the end of the Cold War, and recent conflicts in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya. The workshop will focus on a number of major conceptual issues, including: national security, imperialism, decolonization, nation-building, democratization, and fiscal (in)solvency.
Schedule
All Classes will take place in Sid Richardson Hall Room 3.122 (SRH 3.122), unless otherwise noted. SRH is located in the LBJ School at 2315 Red River Street.
Breakfast and Dinner will take place in San Jacinto Residence Hall (SJRH) Dining Hall, unless otherwise noted.
Lunch will take place in the Atrium, Sid Richardson Hall, First Floor, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, July 29
2:00pm – 4:30pm Registration/Check-in at San Jacinto Residence Hall (SJRH), 309 21st Street, Austin TX 78705, corner of 21st St. and San Jacinto Blvd. on UT Campus
5:30pm – 8:30pm Bus picks up at SJRH (corner of 21st St. and San Jacinto Blvd.) to bring participants to Prof. Jeremi Suri’s home for Introductions, Housekeeping & Dinner.

Monday, July 30
8:00am Breakfast
8:45am – 10:15am Prof. Suri lecture: 1898 & the New World of the 20th Century
10:15am – 10:30am Break
Suggestion: Under the Oaks Café in the Thompson Center (next door to SRH)
http://www.utexas.edu/ce/tcc/about/public-dining/
10:30am – Noon Prof. Suri lecture: The Era of the Great War
Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00pm – 3:00pm Tour & Overview of the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Archives, followed by Prof. Suri lecture on “Using the LBJ Presidential Papers as a Historian”
LBJ Library, Reading Room, 10th Floor
3:30pm – 5:00pm Pedagogy Session #1: “Introducing the new GLI website”
5:30pm- 6:30pm Dinner

Tuesday, July 31
8:00am Breakfast
8:45am- 10:15am Prof. Suri lecture: The Great Depression & the Rise of Fascism
10:15am-10:30am Break
10:30am – Noon Prof. Suri lecture: The Second World War
Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00pm – 3:00pm Tour & Overview of Harry Ransom Rare Book Library, followed by Prof. Suri lecture on “Rare Books and Historical Research”
Location & Room: Harry Ransom Center
300 West 21st Street, UT Campus
4:00pm – 5:00pm Reception at the Harry Ransom Center
5:30 – 6:30pm Dinner
7:00pm – 9:00pm Film: Dr. Strangelove
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| **Wednesday, August 1**<br>
8:00am        | Breakfast                                                            |
8:45am – 10:15am | Prof. Suri lecture: *The Origins of the Cold War*                   |
10:15am – 10:30am | Break                                                              |
10:30am – Noon | Guest Lecturer, Prof. Erika Bsumek: *Native Americans, Commodities, and Post-War American Society* |
Noon – 1:00pm  | Lunch                                                                |
1:00pm – 2:30pm | Tour & Overview of Briscoe Center for American History, followed by Dr. Suri lecture on “Public Archives and Public History” The Briscoe Center is next door to the LBJ School. |
2:45pm – 4:30pm | **Pedagogy Session #2:** “Using the archives” – Teachers will split into 2 groups & spend time in LBJ and Briscoe archives with guided instructions for research, at a breakout area in the Briscoe Center |
5:15pm        | Bus picks up for trip to Salt Lick Barbeque (with brief stop at SJRH on the way) The Salt Lick, 18300 FM 1826, Driftwood, TX 78619 |
5:45pm – 8:00pm | Participants will pay for their own dinner at the Salt Lick Barbeque, followed by Prof. Suri lecture: *Lyndon B. Johnson’s home town and personal history* |
8:30pm        | Bus returns to SJRH, UT campus                                        |
| **Thursday, August 2**<br>
8:00am        | Breakfast                                                            |
8:45am – 10:15am | Guest Lecturer, Prof. Mark Lawrence: *The Vietnam War*               |
10:15am – 10:30am | Break                                                              |
10:30am – Noon | Prof. Suri lecture: *Détente, Human Rights, and the 1970’s*         |
Noon – 1:00pm  | Lunch                                                                |
1:00pm – 3:00pm | Prof. Suri lecture: *Ronald Reagan and the End of the Cold War*     |
3:00pm – 3:15pm | Break                                                              |
3:15pm – 5:00pm | **Pedagogy Session #3:** “Analyzing Primary Source Documents”       |
5:30pm – 6:30pm | Dinner                                                              |
| **Friday, August 3**<br>
8:00am        | Breakfast                                                            |
8:45am – 10:15am | Prof. Suri lecture: *9/11 and the Global War on Terrorism*           |
10:15am – 10:30am | Break                                                              |
10:30am – Noon | Prof. Suri lecture: *The Arab Spring*                               |
Noon – 1:00pm  | Lunch                                                                |
1:00pm – 2:30pm | **Pedagogy Session #4:** “Sharing Best Practices”                   |
4:00pm – 5:30pm | Farewell Reception at the Institute for Historical Studies/ Garrison Hall Wrap-up lecture by Prof. Suri: *Looking Forward: How does history inform our understanding of the present and the future?* GAR 4.100 |
5:45pm – 6:45pm | Dinner (Jester 2nd Floor)                                           |
| **Saturday, August 4**<br>
9:00am – 11:00am | Breakfast and Check-out of SJRH                                     |