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Course	:	MA
Course No.	:	IA 513
Course Title	:	International Relations during the Cold War
Course Type	:	Optional
Course Teacher	:	Dr. Saumyajit Ray
Credits	:	4
Semester	:	Winter
Contact Hours	:	4 per week

Course Objectives

The Cold War was a period of intense superpower rivalry, suspicion, and distrust. Both the United States and the Soviet Union adopted policies and formed military alliances in a struggle for the hearts and minds of men (and women), threatening global peace and security as never before, and intensifying matters time and again to take the world to the brink of a third World war, even as attempts began to be made to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

To understand international politics as it is today, it is necessary to examine and understand the world as it was during the Cold War, to grasp the causes that gave rise to it, the way it was played out, why certain newly-independent states thought it prudent to keep clear of the blocs in which the world stood divided, and why it came to an abrupt but certain end. This course is aimed at giving students precisely such an understanding.

Learning Outcomes

After a semester-long study of this advanced level course on the Cold War, along with the writing of the term paper and the making of the documentary movie, students are expected to:

1. Understand the Cold War in a historical, political, and ideological setting;
2. Have thorough knowledge of the various personalities who made a lasting impression on world politics during the Cold War period and beyond, regardless of how history judges them;
3. Know why wars, revolutions, ethnic wars, and secessionist movements happened during this period and their consequences on their respective countries and the rest of the world;
4. Understand why and how the “Third” world kept out of this bipolar arrangement and the extent of their success;
5. Examine the foreign policy decisions and actions of various countries during this dangerous yet interesting period of world history and their implications.

Evaluation Methods

1. Term paper (on a topic selected by the course teacher) of about 2500 words with citation in the SIS Manual Style and accompanied by a Turnitin plagiarism report: 20%
2. Documentary movie on the term paper topic made using latest desktop software: 20%
3. Oral examination based on the term paper/movie topic: 10%
4. End Semester examination: 50%

Course Content

1. **The Cold War:**
 - Origin
 - causes
 - stages
2. **American policy: Leadership of the free world**
 - Containment (Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan)
 - Beyond containment (massive retaliation, brinkmanship, domino theory, limited nuclear war)
 - Military aid
3. **Soviet policy: The Iron Curtain**
 - Buffer States
 - Peaceful coexistence
 - Support to national liberation movements
 - Military intervention
4. **Chinese policy: The Bamboo Curtain**
 - Maoism: New Democracy, people's democratic dictatorship, Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution
 - Socialist polycentrism and Sino-Soviet split
 - The Chinese alternative
5. **Militarization of the Cold War**
 - Military alliances
 - Arms race
6. **Landmark events**
 - Berlin Blockade
 - Korean War
 - Berlin Wall
 - Cuban Missile Crisis
 - Vietnam War
 - Arab-Israeli wars
 - The Islamic Revolution in Iran (*Enghelab-e-Islami*)
 - Gulf War-I

7. Détente

- US-Soviet détente
- Sino-US détente
- Arms control and disarmament
- Failure of détente

8. New Cold War

- Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- Islamization of Pakistan
- The Afghan Mujahideen
- Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan

9. The Third World

- Non-alignment
- Neocolonialism
- The Global South

10. India during the Cold War

- India and the superpowers
- Indian involvement in the neighborhood: East Pakistan, Sri Lanka
- Secessionist movements in India: Khalistan, Kashmir
- India and the Third World: NAM, SAARC

11. The end of the Cold War

- The Gorbachev phenomenon
- The collapse of the Soviet bloc
- The disintegration of the Soviet Union

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