



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2020-2021

COURSE TITLE

The End of Empire: Decolonization in Asia

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR

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COURSE TYPE

Optional Specialist Course

MAJORS

EPAP, EUW, EUN, EHC

ECTS CREDITS

4

CONTACT HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

1

LANGUAGE

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

- Understand the relations between the processes of colonization, the rise of nationalist movements, and decolonization and how these intertwined processes make up one intricately interconnected history of the 20th century for both Europe and Asia
- Understand the causes and impacts of decolonization and its impacts on Europe and Asia
- Understand the implications the decolonization in Asia has on the forms of nations and regional politics in Asia, as well as international cooperation (or lack thereof) between Europe and Asia at the present day

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students are able to problematize the concept of decolonization, discuss and analyze different aspects of the definitions and reasons behind the decolonization of Asia as well as the impact that this phenomenon has on Europe.
- Students are able to form critical analysis and arguments concerning historical events and developments through the course of decolonization of Asia.
- Students develop academic writing skills through writing assignments and research skills, especially through the historical method and group presentation assignment.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Course materials are available for preparation reading prior to the beginning of the course. This is encouraged, but not required. A basic knowledge of the general geographical outline of the Asian continent could make the course more enjoyable.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

- Lecture
- Discussion
- Reading and writing assignments
- Final exam

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The assessment of the course will be based on three elements:

1. Essay (with an imposed subject) of 1800-2000 words: 30%
2. Individual presentation on a topic related to the content of the course and which will last 20 minutes: 30%
3. An open-book two-hour final exam with no page limit. Students will be asked to answer one question out of two: 40%.

The College of Europe reserves the right to change the delivery and assessment of the course in case of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the College (*force majeure*). Any communication from the campus administration in this regard takes precedence over the information provided in this ECTS card.

“Retake examinations, i.e. exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first exam session. The only exception concerns oral exams, which are replaced in the second exam session by written exams. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session”. (art. 28 of the Specific Provisions).

COURSE CONTENTS

1. Process and impact of European colonization in Asia
2. The rise of nationalist movements in Asia
3. Impacts of European politics on the decolonization of Asia
4. Impacts of Asian nationalist movements in the Great War
5. Impacts of Asian nationalist movements in the Second World War
6. Impacts of decolonization on the Cold War in Asia
7. Postcolonial Asia and the rise of China in the post-Cold War
8. Globalization and global migration from former European colonies in Asia

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

- Readings: monographs, journal articles, edited volumes
- Films: documentaries, movies
- Powerpoint Presentations: focus points, images, quotes