



College of Europe
Collège d'Europe



Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

The End of Empires: Decolonization of Asia with comparative references to Africa and Latin America

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Core Course

MAJOR(S)

EPAP, EUW, EUN, EHC

ECTS CREDITS

4

TEACHING HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

1

LANGUAGE(S)

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, not only Europe and Asia, but also interrelated colonies and former colonies in Africa and Latin America.
- Understand the causes and impacts of decolonization in Asia and how they relate to similar phenomena in Africa and Latin America. How all this 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 in comparison with similar phenomena in Africa and Latin America, 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 in comparison with similar phenomena in Africa and Latin America.
- Students develop academic writing skills through writing assignments and research skills, especially through the historical method and group presentation assignments.

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. In the case that the course must be carried out online, there are also video clips provided with a summary of the parts of Asia investigated through the course (namely, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia) came to be under European colonial influence in the 19th century.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

- Lecture
- Discussion
- Presentation
- Final exam

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

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

1. Group presentation on a topic related to the content of the course lasting 20-30 minutes: 50%
2. A closed-book two-hour digital in-class final exam with no page limit. Students will be asked to answer one question out of two: 50%

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 information provided in the 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.

COURSE CONTENTS

1. Process and impact of European colonization in Asia, in comparison with the colonization of Africa and Latin America
2. The rise of nationalist movements in Asia
3. Impacts of European politics on the decolonization of Asia, in relations with similar phenomena in Africa and Latin America
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, in comparison with related phenomena in Africa and Latin America
7. Postcolonial Asia, Africa, and Latin America 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, video clips
- Presentation slides: focus points, images, quotes