

# 5HD450 Chapters in History of the Cold War

1. Conditions of Cold War emergence.  
Looking for the real roots of the Cold War.



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# What is it going to be about?

1. Conditions of Cold War emergence, looking for the real roots of the Cold War.
2. Beginnings of the Cold War.
3. Question of Germany and the European integration.
4. Korean War.
5. Berlin Wall Crisis and Cuban Missile Crisis.
6. Space race.
7. Vietnam War.
8. Détente period.
9. The end of détente.
10. War in Afghanistan.
11. New arms race.
12. The role of China.
13. The end of the Cold War.



# What do I want from you?

- **BE ACTIVE! THINK! ASK! HAVE FUN!**

- **Midterm test**                      **50 %**

- **Final test**                              **50 %**

- Grades according to the ECTS.

- In case of 4+ (total of 50-59%) a make-up test covering the whole semester.



# What to get ready for the tests from?

- **Your notes + my ppt slides on InSIS**
- Papers and documents distributed (via InSIS)
- (RQ) DUNBABIN, J. *The Cold War: The Great Powers and Their Allies*. London, New York: Longman, 1994
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- HOPKINS, M. F. *The Cold War*. London: Thames & Hudson, 2011.
- HUGHES-WILSON, John. *A Brief History of the Cold War: The Hidden Truth about How Close We Came to Nuclear Conflict*. New York: Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2006.
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# Coining the Cold War



- George Orwell – You and the Atomic Bomb (1945)
- **Period of political and military tension after World War II**
- **No real large-scale war – proxy wars**
  - X possible nuclear world war (mutually assured destruction MAD)
  - X massive propaganda, psychological warfare, espionage, rivalry
- **Forming of the Western and Eastern Bloc** – major economic and political differences
- **Non-Aligned Movement**
- **Beginning – 1947 – Truman Doctrine announced (?)**
- **End – 1991 – collapse of the USSR (?)**

# Origins of the Cold War

- Some historians argue about the beginning ...
- **Beginning – October Revolution in Russia in 1917**
  - Anti-Bolshevik movement supported by the West
  - 1918 U.S. troops in Russia
  - International diplomatic isolation
- **1921 Soviet Russia established and surrounded by a "hostile capitalist encirclement"**
  - **1928** Soviets accused the British and French of a planned coup d'état
  - Until 1933 United States had refused to acknowledge the existence of the USSR
- **Efforts to change situation abroad – "present capitalist encirclement is replaced by a socialist encirclement"**
  - **1926** support of the general strike in the United Kingdom



# World War II is coming ...

- 1939 the Soviet Union signed a **non-aggression pact** and commercial agreement with Nazi Germany (1939) - allies
- **1941 Nazi Germany attacked the Soviet Union**
- **Soviet Union formed an alliance** with the United Kingdom and the United States
- **Lend-Lease Program** – supply of American goods and warfare material, weapons for American allies
- Both sides extremely cautious
  - Stalin suspected the Western Allies of delayed opening of the Western Front x Soviet Union delayed their support for the Polish uprising
  - Roosevelt was a bit more naive toward the USSR





# Impossibility of agreement

- **Wartime conferences**

- Conflicts about future political, economic, and trade systems in Europe
- 1945 Yalta – occupation of Germany, postwar reparations from Germany, loans
- 1945 Potsdam – administration of Germany, future of Germany

- **Future of the Eastern Europe**

- independent, democratic states  
x satellite socialist states

- Creation of the Eastern Bloc

- Continuing occupation of eastern Germany



# Readings & videos

- Documentaries

BBC The Cold War - Comrades

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22KIQ1QNnhE&list=PL3H6z037pboGWTxs3xGP7HRGrQ5dOQdGc>

The Cold War - From War to Cold

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpYCplyBknI>

- Cold War History Videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVqziNV7dGY>
- <http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cold-war-history/videos>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/coldwar/>

- Specialized Resources / Collections / Cold War Files

- <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/cold-war-international-history-project>
- <http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/collections>
- [http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/themes/world\\_politics/cold\\_war/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/themes/world_politics/cold_war/default.stm)
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20080411004848/http://www.coldwarfiles.org/index.cfm?thisunit=0&fuseaction=events.list>
- <http://www.avclub.com/special/cold-war/timeline>



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