

SPECIAL INTENSIVE COURSE THE COLD WAR: RISE AND DEMISE

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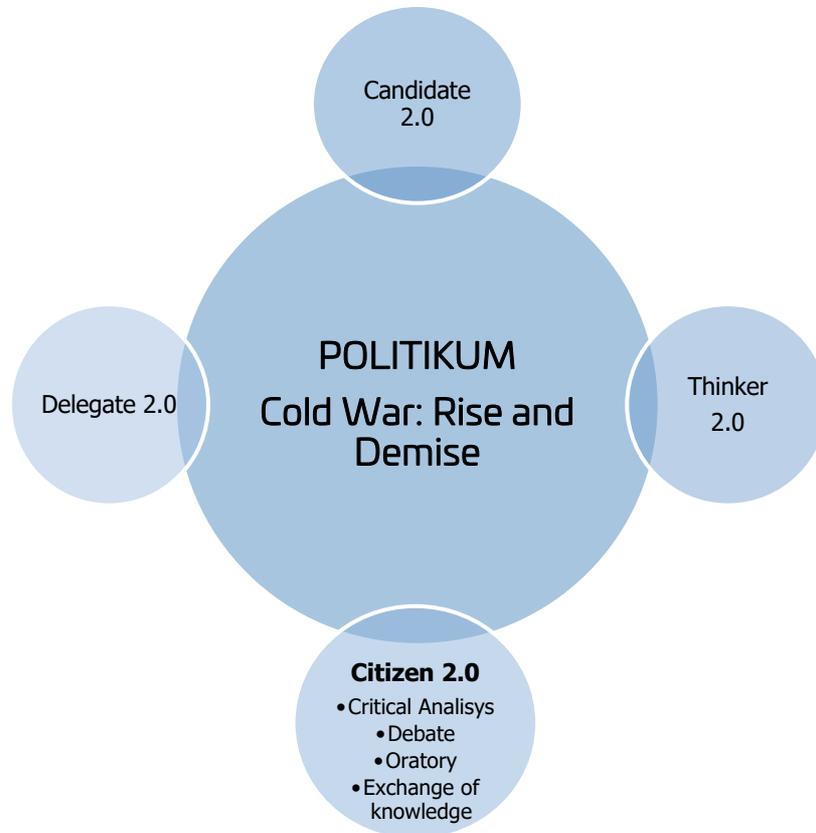
This summer, POLITIKUM offers a special intensive course for history fans around the world ***The Cold War: Rise and Demise***. This course explores one of the most interesting episodes of international politics, the confrontation between the United States and the former Soviet Union and how it shaped the international system and global politics that we know of today.

- **Objective**

The main objective of this intensive course is to provide participants with an alternative understanding of the Cold War through the selection and analysis of untypical topics that surround this conflict. In the mainstream academic treatment of the Cold War, there have been many episodes left out of their discussion. Therefore, the analysis and discussion of these “almost forgotten” aspects of the Cold War will provide participants with a different insight into the complexity of this conflict and generate new debates; especially about the possible risks that were not accounted for and could have had impactful repercussions for the development of global political forces at that time and onwards.

- **Methodology**

Based on four academic pillars, POLITIKUM has developed a variety of programs and courses, focused especially on political education and academic counseling for students willing to study abroad. Through our methodology, we expect our students to continuously grow, create, and evolve to being capable of dealing with challenges of the present and future world.



- **Sessions**

The course is composed of 8 sessions (16 academic hours), in which all topics will be explained and discussed by all participants. Instead of being a simple transfer of knowledge, the instructor will provide questions for everyone to engage in the discussion. Each session will have three parts: an introduction to the topic and the material, an engaged discussion among all participants, and finally, a reflection on the aspects learned in every unit.

Readings are optional; however, we encourage participants to observe the benefits of the exchange of opinions based on texts and sources presented at the beginning of the class. (Most of the readings are on JSTOR, but if you cannot access them, we can provide you with a copy.)

Date	Hour (EC time)	Topic	Suggest reading
07/06/21	10:00 - 11:30	The Russian Revolution & The Beginning of the East-West Confrontation	Woodrow Wilson and the Origins of the Cold War https://bit.ly/3gS4Yw4
07/08/21	10:00 - 11:30	1945: The Partition of the World & the Term "Cold War"	Origins of the Cold War https://bit.ly/35KmfCm
07/13/21	10:00 - 11:30	The Chinese Cold War Policy & the Situation in Hong Kong	From Empire Defense to Imperial Retreat: Britain's Postwar China Policy and the Decolonization of Hong Kong https://bit.ly/3xGCcW6
07/15/21	10:00 - 11:30	The Role of Switzerland in the Cuban Missile Crisis	The Armed Neutrality Paradox: Sweden and Switzerland in US Cold War Armaments Policy https://bit.ly/35OP9Bf
07/20/21	10:00 - 11:30	Czechoslovakia "On a Break": The Prague Spring	Thaw and Freeze-up: Prague 1968 https://bit.ly/3zS6vv6 The 1968 Czechoslovak Crisis: Reconsidering Its History and Politics- https://bit.ly/3xRfWcn
07/22/21	10:00 - 11:30	"We'll See": The Invasion in Afghanistan	The Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan, 1979 https://bit.ly/3wQXqkg
07/27/21	10:00-11:30	Human Mistake & The "End of History", Berlin 1989	Seven Days That Shook the World https://bit.ly/3d9BpVT
07/29/21	10:00 - 11:30	Boris Yeltzin & the "Other White House": The Beginning of The New Russia	Elections in the Soviet Union https://bit.ly/3gOIkWI

- **Modality**

The class is virtual and will take place on ZOOM twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

Code of conduct and attendance:

1. Participants are requested to attend on time at the day and time established for the course.
2. We will wait a maximum of 5 minutes for participants to arrive. After that period, if there is not more than 50% of general attendance, the session will be suspended.
3. For discussions, before and after the movie, participants must turn on their cameras.
4. If for some reason, participants unanimously want to change the dates and hours of one session, they must inform the Academic Director with a 48-hour prior notice.
5. If one participant misses more than 2 sessions, he/she will be suspended from the program and will receive a certificate only for the sessions in which he/she was actively part of the class.

- **Cost**

The special intensive course “The Cold War: Rise and Demise” has a participation fee of \$250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) for a total of 16 academic hours.

At the end of the course all the participants will receive a certificate of participation and will have access to special discounts on all regular programs of POLITIKUM.

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