HIS201:
NEW PERSPECTIVES IN GLOBAL HISTORY

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Class Meets in Morey 504

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Requirements and Grading
Participants in this course will have the following obligations: 1) regular class attendance and participation in class discussions, 2) write one essay of between 10 and 15 typed pages, exploring a theme of one’s own choice; the paper is due on April 23; 3) a 5-page review of J. Clegg, *China’s Global Strategy: Towards a Multipolar World*, which is due March 19; and 4) take a final exam on May 6. The final will account 20 percent of the final grade; the review, 20 percent; the essay 35 percent; class attendance (we will keep attendance register) and participation in discussions 25 percent.

Please take note: (1) To give every student equal opportunity, I do NOT change a student’s grade after its submission to the registrar’s office. To uphold this principle means that I cannot possibly give additional work or re-grade a single student’s work after the grades of the class have been posted. If you want a “good” grade, work to earn it BEFORE the end of the semester (but not after). (2) Students are required to uphold the College’s Academic Honesty guidelines, which can be found at www.rochester.edu/college/honesty. (3) Class attendance is mandatory.

Required Texts

Course Schedule

**Jan. 15: Objectives and Requirements**

**Jan. 20: The Third World: Unity and Diversity, Myth and Reality**
Stavrianos, pp. 23-43.
Bacevich, “Big Change Whether We Like It or Not,” *NationofChange* at: http://www.nationofchange.org/big-change-whether-we-it-or-not-1321287715.

**PART I: CRISIS IN EUROPEAN FEUDALISM AND ITS WORLDWIDE CONSEQUENCES**

**Jan. 22: Nature of the Crisis**
Wolf, ch. 4.

**Jan 27: Eastern Europe Becomes the first Third World**
Stavrianos, ch. 3.

**Jan 29: Conquest and Colonization of Latin America, I**
Wolf, ch. 5

**Feb 3: Conquest and Colonization of Latin America, II**
Video: “The Buried Mirror,” Program 2 (The Conflict of the Gods, 60 minutes)
Optional: Stavrianos, ch. 4.

**Feb 5: The Atlantic Slave Trade, I**
Feb 10: The Atlantic Slave Trade, II
Wolf, ch. 7.

PART II: CAPITALISM, NEW COLONIALISM AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT

Feb 12: The Rise of Capitalism & the Industrial Revolution
Wolf, chs. 9-10

Feb 17: Bourgeois Europe Conquers the World: The First Phase, 1815-1870
Stavrianos, chs. 9, 11. Optional: Stavrianos, ch 12 (India)

Feb 19: Bourgeois Europe Conquers the World: The Second Phase, 1870-1914
E. Mandala, “Theories of Imperialism,” (notes).
Stavrianos, Ch. 13 (pp. 256-263 only); ch.14.

Feb 24: Emergence of a New Working Class
Wolf, ch 12

Feb 26: “Our” History is part of “Their” History
Movie: “Minimum Wages”

March 3: Peasants and the Production of Commodities, I
E. Mandala, “African Peasants and Peasantries,” (Notes)

March 5: Peasants and the Production of Commodities, II
Wolf, ch. 11.

March 10, 12, 17: Spring Break
PART III: THIRD WORLD STRUGGLES FOR AUTONOMY

March 19: World War I: Bourgeois Catastrophe, Bolshevik Revolution, I
Stavrianos, chs 16, 20.
Book Review (Clegg, China’s Global Strategy) is due today

March 24: World War I: Bourgeois Catastrophe, Bolshevik Revolution, II
Movie: “Ten Days that Shook the World.”

March 26: China Enters the Third World
Stavrianos, ch. 15, 22

March 31: China Breaks the Imperialist Chain

April 2: World War II, Decolonization, and the Cold War
Stavrianos, ch. 23 (pp. 623-30, 665-679) (Other sections of the chapter are optional: India, pp. 631-645; Middle East, pp. 645-665; Latin America, pp. 680-708).

April 7: National Liberation and Social Revolution: Cuba, I
Stavrianos, pp. 375-385.

April 9: National Liberation and Social Revolution: Cuba, II
Stavrianos, pp. 709-711, 741-755.

April 14: Socialist Experiments in Mozambique
E. Mandala, “Mozambique,” (notes).

**April 16: Apartheid’s Wars against its Neighbors**


**PART IV: A NEW WORLD ORDER?**

**April 21: The Collapse of the USSR and the End of the Cold War**


*Essays Due Today*

**April 23: China as a Global Power**

Clegg, *China’s Global Strategy*

**April 28: Africa and China**