

POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND IDEAS (PSC 102)  
Department of Political Science  
Metropolitan State College  
Denver, Colorado

Spring Semester 1992  
Instructor: Tahira Khan  
Time: Tues., Thurs., 2-3:15  
Office Hours: Thurs. 3:15-4:15

Introduction

This course examines the nature, pattern and processes of political systems and their relationship with political ideology. The study of philosophical and historical origins of ideologies (i.e. democracy, communism, authoritarianism, nationalism, feminism and revolution) will help to understand patterns of contemporary political systems in the world. The central assumption of the course is that the comprehension of ideological conflict among various contemporary political systems requires study of the political ideologies in socio-economic and political context.

Course Requirements

1. Completion of weekly reading assignments.
2. Class attendance and participation.
3. Three in-class exams.

Grading

First Exam: 25%  
Second Exam: 25%  
Final Exam: 50%

Text Books

Denziger, James N., Understanding the Political World: An Introduction to Political Science. New York: Longman, 1991.

Macridis, Roy C., Contemporary Political Ideologies: Movements and Regimes, 5th edition. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 1992.



SOVIET UNION AND ASIAN POLITICS. (PSC 309)

Winter Semester 1992  
Instructor: Tahira Khan

Sat: 8:30 - 11:30  
Office Hour: 11:30 -12

INTRODUCTION.

This course examines Soviet intervention and involvement in Asian politics during Cold War and Post Cold War era. Main objective of the course is to discuss impacts of Soviet Union's Asian foreign policy on regional as well as international politics. By the end of the course this historical survey would enable us to comprehend Asian factors of collapse of Soviet Empire.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

- =Completion of weekly reading assignment.
- =Class attendance and participation.
- =Two analytical papers and final exam.

GRADING

Paper One: 25%  
Paper Two: 25%  
Final exam: 50%

TEXT BOOKS.

- Rubenstein, Alvin Z. Soviet Foreign Policy Since World War II (4th edition) New York: Harper Collins, 1992.
- Buszynski, Leszek, Soviet Foreign Policy And South East Asia. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1986.
- Golan, Golia, Soviet Policies In The Middle East. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
- Hauner, Milan, The Soviet War In Afghanistan, Philadelphia: University Press Of America, 1991.

WEEKLY READING ASSIGNMENTS.

Week One

- Jan 18, Introduction.  
Sources of Soviet Foreign Policy.  
Rubenstein, pp. 3 - 10

Week Two

- Jan 25, Historical background of Soviet policies.  
Rubenstein, chapter 2, 3.  
Xerox material on reserve desk in the library.,