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Course Number and Name

HISE 302 History of the Twentieth Century World

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to identify the major events and trends in the history of the world during the period 1900-1999, evaluate both the events and trends that brought about radical changes in the evolution of the global international system, and assess the cumulative effects of those changes in defining the 20th century world.

Course Contents

The historical background of the twentieth century world; nature and significance of the 1919 peace settlement; Bolshevik Revolution; the League of Nations; economic depression of 1929; rise of Fascism in Europe; rise of the Welfare State; problems of the International Communist Movement 1917-1945; rise of America as a world power; science and technology; art and culture during the first half of the 20th century; anti-colonial movements and democratic developments; emergence of the global monetary system; international political system and the Cold War; arms race and arms control strategies; Arab-Israel conflict; Third World and Non-alignment; Détente, the European union; China and India as world powers; ethno-political mobilization; the globalization processes; global terrorism.

Assessment Strategy

- i. Time of Assessment End of the Year
- ii. Assessment Method Written examination Assigned Percentage for each Component- 100%

Recommended References

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