

THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES

LONDON

THE NEW EUROPE

1. The Cold War and Europe's international relations.
2. The End of the Cold War and Political Transition in Eastern Europe.
3. The End of the Cold War and Economic Transition in Eastern Europe.
4. The Causes and Effects of Europe's post-1989 Wars: Croatia; Bosnia and Kosovo.
5. Is the European Union Europe? Regionalism and Sub-regionalism in Contemporary Europe.
6. Pan-European Security: Reality or Illusion? Threats to and Institutions of European Security.
7. Civilian Power Europe: Europeanisation, Values and European Foreign Policy.
8. Europe and the United States: The Challenges to Transatlantic Relations.
9. Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East.
10. What Future Europe?

This course traces the evolution of the politics and international relations of Europe in the post-Cold War world. It seeks to address the question of whether there is one Europe or many by focusing on the issues of European politics and identity and Europe's role internationally. It evaluates the causes and effects of the collapse of communism and the process of political and economic transition in Eastern Europe. Europe's post-1989 wars in the former Yugoslavia are examined in the context of Europe's institutional order as are the emergence of a series of sub-regional groupings within the European political system. The course then focuses on threats to pan-European security and the institutions and state alignments with which these threat can be met. The role of the European Union is a vital one and the course highlights the particular nature of the role the European Union plays in the evolution of contemporary Europe. Lastly, the course assesses the impact of Europe's external relations on its international standing and the possibility of the creation of a single 'European voice'.

Method of Assessment

Seminar discussion

Two essays of at least 2500 words

The first to be submitted at the end of week 5

The second at the end of week 12

Note: If enrolment for this particular course is too low for it to be held as a two hour seminar with two required essays per semester it may be possible to run it as a one hour supervision with three essays per semester.