

HIS 393
Europe and the Global South

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Tues/Thurs. 2:00pm-3:20pm

Thematic Categories: "Empires, Violence & Global Connections,"
"Law, Politics & Social Justice"

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Decolonization was a complex process. It antedated the Cold War and involved regional conflicts that cannot be explained simply as epiphenomena of superpower ideological and geopolitical rivalry. These phenomena, however, could not be made visible through the Cold-War-centered perspectives, and we need to free ourselves from the idea that the new world order after 1945 was manipulated by Moscow or by Washington. In this class, we will first examine the asymmetries between the global North and South which had been articulated in the age of imperialism. We will then identify a whole host of local actors and global movements that challenged, re-articulated, and reproduced specific forms of global governance. Topics include the wars in Korea and Indochina; the 1956 Hungarian revolution and world politics; the national liberation movements in Algeria and the Congo; the global sixties and terrorism; Oil, the OPEC, and the New International Economic Order.