

COURSE WARE

SAMUEL ADEGBOYEGA UNIVERSITY, OGWA EDO STATE

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND DIPLOMATIC STUDIES

COURSE CODE: HDS 329

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY STRATEGIC STUDIES

UNIT: 3 UNITS

SESSION: 2017/2018

SEMESTER: SECOND

PRE-REQUISITE: HDS226 (INTRODUCTION TO BARGAINING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION)

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INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW:the course begins with an explanation of the nature of strategic studies, its meaning and assumptions that underly contemporary strategic thought. The course further discusses the evolution of strategic thinking against the background of the historical circumstances which acted as their determinants.

OBJECTIVES: At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- ▶ Understand the meaning of strategic studies and how it evolved;
- ▶ State the factors that influenced the evolution of strategic thinking;
- ▶ Identify and explain the roles which personalities played in the emergence of the discipline;
- ▶ State the relevance of strategic studies to National cohesion.

COURSE CONTENT: The course is broken into the undermentioned sub-headings:

- ▶ Meaning and importance of strategic studies
- ▶ Evolution of strategic studies and types of strategy
- ▶ Assumptions that defines strategic studies
- ▶ War, warfare and strategic studies
- ▶ Early strategists: Sun Tzu, Machiavelli etc
- ▶ Post-Napoleonic strategists in Europe
- ▶ Strategists in America
- ▶ World War I and strategic thinking
- ▶ World War II and strategic thinking
- ▶ Strategic thinking in modern times
- ▶ Pre-world war strategies and modern times compared
- ▶ Revision

LECTURE SCHEDULE: Monday (9-11am) & Thursday, 9-10am.

REFERENCE MATERIALS;

- ❑ Akinyemi, A.B, *Disarmament and Development: Utilization of resources for military purpose in Black Africa*, Lagos: N.I.I.A, 1986 Chapters 1, 2 & 3
- ❑ Baylis, J. et al *Contemporary strategic Theories and Policies*, New York: Holmes and Meler Publishers, 1982, chapters 1-4
- ❑ Beaufre, A. *An introduction to Strategy*, London: Faber, 1965, pp.4-36
- ❑ F.I.A. Omu & L.E. Otoide(eds.), *Themes in international Studies and Diplomacy*, Benin city: Mindex Publishers,2004, pp.138-163
- ❑ Thompson; D. *Europe since Napoleon*, Hammondsworth: pengium Books, 1966, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7
- ❑ Liddel Hart, B.H. *Strategy: The Indirect Approach* London: Faber, 1967, pp1-36

COURSE ASSESSMENT: How did the world wars stimulate the growth of strategic thinking? To be typed and references provided and not more than 8 pages.

To be submitted on Thursday, 28th June, 2018 by 9am

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LECTURE ROOM: lecture Rm 1, College of Humanities

LECTURE HOURS: Monday, 9-11AM
Thursday, 9-10AM

OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday, 12-3PM
Friday, 12Noon-3PM