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**La Grande Nation:
The Strategic History of France from 1624 to Today
(Lecture)**

- I. Introduction [17.02.2009]
- II. Richelieu, founder of modern French foreign policy [24.02.2009]
- III. Louis XIV and the "natural borders" [03.03.2009]
- IV. French Colonialism – Part 1: Creating and loosing French North-America [10.03.2009]
- V. Spreading Republicanism (1792-1799/1804) [17.03.2009]
- VI. Napoleon rules the land, Britain rules the sea (1799/1804-1814/15) [24.03.2009]
- VII. Another Napoleon: foreign policy of Napoleon III. (1848-1870) [31.03.2009]
- VIII. French Colonialism – Part 2: Loosing Europe, creating a new colonial Empire (1830-1914/1919) [07.04.2009]
- IX. In the shadow of Prussia and Germany – forming alliances with Britain and Russia (1871-1914) [14.04.2009]
- X. "Revanche" at a high price (WW I and the Versailles treaty) [21.04.2009]
- XI. In mortal danger (late interwar-period and WW II) [28.04.2009]
- XII. Reconstructing France, loosing the colonies, leaving the military integration of NATO (1944 till the end of the Cold War) [05.05.2009]
- XIII. At least a minor super-power? (France today) AND Q & A session [12.05.2009]

Requirements:

- regular attendance
- reading assignments
- 1 hour written examination at the end of the lecture