**Russia in World Politics**

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| Title of the course | **Russia in World Politics** |
| Title of the Academic Programme  | Comparative Politics of Eurasia (MiCPEA) |
| Type of the course | elective |
| Prerequisites | none |
| ECTS workload | 4 |
| Total indicative study hours | Directed Study | Self-directed study  | Total |
| 40 | 112 | 152 |
| Course Overview | The main course goals are (1) to examine major drivers of Russia’s foreign policy in the post-Cold War era and (2) to describe the key functional and regional dimensions of Russia’s international policies. |
| Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) | * Demonstrate a good knowledge of International Relations theories and debate on Russia’s foreign policies and global involvement - the assumptions, 'tools' and limitations.
* Critically evaluate and apply this knowledge to political and policy situations.
* Understand and contribute to policy making debates.
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| Indicative Course Content | Approaches to study of Russian foreign policy. Russian national security doctrine. Russian foreign policy decision-making system. Regional dimensions of Russia’s foreign policy. Functional dimensions of Russia’s foreign policy. |
| Teaching and Learning Methods | This course represents a combination of lecturing and class-room discussions/seminars. Interactive teaching methods such as classroom simulations, gaming, policy workshops, and computer generated technology (especially Internet) will also contribute to the practical preparation given to the students. |
| Indicative Assessment Methods and Strategy | **Assessment:** written examination (50%) - 1 hour 20 min exam; coursework (50%); *Coursework:* • Essays (25%)• Mid-term test (25%)• Class participation mark (50%). |
| Readings / Indicative Learning Resources | Mandatory Gvosdev, Nikolas K., and Christopher Marsh. *Russian Foreign Policy: Interests, Vectors, and Sectors* (Washington: CQ Press, 2013).Sergunin A. Explaining Russian Foreign Policy Behavior: Theory and Practice. — Stuttgart: Ibidem-Verlag, 2016.Optional Engelbrekt K., Nygren B. (eds.). *Russia and Europe. Building Bridges, Digging Trenches* (London: Routledge, 2010).Kanet, Roger E. *Russian foreign policy in the 21st century* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010).Roberts S. [*Russia as an international actor: The view from Europe and the US*](http://www.fiia.fi/en/publication/344/russia_as_an_international_actor/) (Helsinki: [The Finnish Institute of International Affairs](http://www.fiia.fi/en/home), 2013) (FIIA Report 37).Russell J., Cohn Rd. *Arctic Policy of Russia*. Bookvika Publishing, 2013.Stent, Angela E. *The Limits of Partnership: U.S. Russian Relations in the Twenty-First Century* (Princeton UP, 2014).Tsygankov, Andrei P. *Russia’s Foreign Policy: Change and Continuity in National Identity*. 2d ed. (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2010).  |
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