

Course description

Europe and Asia in the Russian Foreign Policy in the 21 st Century	
Department responsible for the course	Institute of History & International Relations MA Transnational Relations: Russia, Asia, and Europe
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Semester when the course unit is delivered	Autumn semester
Teaching hours per week	2
Level of course unit (for ex., Second cycle – Master level)	Second cycle
ECTS credits	5
Admission requirements	
Course objectives (aims)	The course aims to explore the continuity and change of Russia’s foreign policy in the 21st century. Students are introduced to contending perspectives on the main issues of Russian foreign policy from theoretical and practical points of view. The specific directions are Europe (EU) and Asia (with the specific focus on China).
Course contents	This course introduces students to the key developments in Russia’s foreign and defence policy specifically in the Russia-Asia and Russia – EU nexus. It closely examines the drivers, policy tools and constraints Russia faces when seeking to achieve its foreign policy objectives. Students also learn to apply major theories of international relations to the analysis of decision-making process concerning the Neighborhood policy of the EU and Greater Eurasia concept.
Learning outcomes	On successful completion of the course, students are expected to: Be able to formulate basic policy statements and recommendations regarding EU- Russia and Russia-Asia policy; Be able to ask insightful questions about Russian foreign policy; Write critical review of the literature; Apply theoretical concepts to explain foreign policy outcomes beyond those covered in class.
Planned learning activities and teaching methods (for ex., lectures with a variety of examples and practice)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures • Case exercises • Simulations
Assessment methods and criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical review essay (at least 38 out of 60 maximum score) • Written exam (at least 22 out of 40 maximum score).

Course literature (recommended or required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrei P. Tsygankov, <i>Russia's Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change in National Identity</i> Fourth Edition. London, UK: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.• Dmitri Trenin, <i>Should we Fear Russia?</i> Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2016.
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