



## COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

| Course unit title                                    | Code |
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| Russian Politics and Economy in the Postmodern World |      |

| Lecturer(s)                                  | Department, Faculty  |
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| <b>Coordinating:</b> Dr. Laurynas Jonavičius | Institute of International Relations and Political Science |

| Study cycle | Type of the course unit |
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| Second      | Mandatory               |

| Mode of delivery | Semester or period when it is delivered | Language of instruction |
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| Face to face     | 2                                       | English                 |

| Requisites                    | Co-requisites (if relevant): |
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| English language skills (B2). | <b>none</b>                  |

| Number of ECTS credits allocated | Student's workload (total) | Contact hours | Individual work |
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| 10                               | 260                        | 48            | 212             |

| <b>Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed</b>  |
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| <p>The purpose of this course is to provide students with an in depth knowledge on relationship between economics and politics in contemporary Russia, to develop required skills to independently analyse tendencies of foreign and domestic politics linking it with the changes in economic sector.</p> <p>This course aims to develop a set of generic competences such as the ability to work and study independently, apply theoretical knowledge in practice, ability to share information and ideas. This course also aims to develop a set of subject specific competences such as the in depth knowledge on Russian government's interventions in national economics and the influence of business to the politics, ability to identify and explain national and international context, in which Russia implements its policies, ability to analyse and explain factors that influence Russian politics, ability to independently analyse changes in Russian politics and evaluate the economic factor using international relations and public policy research methods.</p> |

| Learning outcomes of the course unit  | Teaching and learning methods   | Assessment methods  |
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| Will be able to critically evaluate Russian government's interventions in national economy, the business influence for the economics and the national and international context in which Russia implements its foreign and domestic politics. | Lectures, discussions, case studies.  | Assessment of exam, quality of participation in seminars.                     |
| Will be able to identify and evaluate the economic influence for the Russian foreign and domestic politics and provide prognostic recommendations.  | Research methods, gathering of literature and information, preparation of the presentation and written assignment, group discussions. | Assessment of exam, quality of participation in seminars, written assignment. |
| Will be able to independently apply research methods of international relations and analysis of the public policy to examine the contemporary Russian economics and politics.   | Research methods, gathering of literature and information, preparation of the presentation and written assignment, group discussions. | Assessment of exam and written assignment.                                    |
| Will be able to work independently and in groups.   | Group discussions.  | Assessment of quality of participation in seminars.                           |

| Course content: breakdown of the topics   | Individual work: time and assignments |                                       |                                      |  |  | Assignments  |
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| 1. Introduction. Course subject, objectives and requirements of the further discussions. The main concept of the course | 2                                     |                                       |                                      | 2  | 4  | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br><br>Maxfield , Schneider, <i>Business and the State in Developing Countries</i> , Chapters 1 and 2.  |
| 2. Lecture: Models of state and economic interactions.  | 2                                     |                                       |                                      | 2  | 6  | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br><br>P. Hall , D. Soskice, <i>Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage</i> , pp. 1-68;<br>Jan Svejnar, "Transition Economies: Performance and Challenges." <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> , pp.3-28;<br>Joel Hellman, "Winners Take All: The Politics of Partial Reform in Post – Communist Transitions," <i>World Politics</i> , pp. 203-234 |

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| 3. Seminar: Business and government relationship models in Russia and rest of the world. |   |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>A. Nolke, A.Vluggenthart, "Enlarging the Varieties of Capitalism: The Emergence of Dependent Market Economies in East Central Europe", <i>World Politics</i>, 61(4), pp. 670-702;</p> <p>R. Orttung, "Business- State Relations in Russia", <i>Russian Analytical Digest</i>, 2006, pp. 2-5.</p>   |
| 4. Lecture: State and economics in socialist system.                                     | 2 |  |   | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>M. Lavigne, <i>The Economics of Transition: From Socialist Economy to Market Economy</i>, Palgrave, 1999, Chapters 1 and 3;</p> <p>M. Olson, <i>Power and Prosperity: Outgrowing Communist and Capitalist Dictatorships</i>, Basic Books (November 20, 2000), Chapters 7 and 8.</p>                |
| 5. Seminar: Stalinistic economics.   |   |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>Paul R. Gregory, <i>The Political Economy of the Stalinism</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2003, Chapter 1, 3, 6 and 11.</p> <p>Kari T.Liuhto, "The Transformation of the Soviet Enterprise and Its Management: A Literature Review" <i>ESRC Centre for Business Research 1999</i>, pp. 1-26.</p> |
| 6. Lecture: Political transitional economics: opportunities and challenges.              | 2 |  |   | 2 | 4 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>Jan Svejnar, "Transition Economies: Performance and Challenges", <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>, pp. 3-28;</p> <p>Joel Hellman, "Winners Take All: The Politics of Partial Reform in Post-Communist transitions," <i>World Politics</i> 50(2), 1998, pp. 203-234</p>                      |

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| 7. Seminar: Evaluation of the effectiveness of transitional economic and political reforms. |  |  | 2 | 2 | 8 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>Gerald Roland, "Synthesizing Lessons from Transition, in Gerard Roland (ed.) <i>Transition and Economics: Politics, Markets, and Firms</i>, The MIT Press, 2000; pp 327-347</p> <p>Irina Denisova, Markus Eller, Timothy Frye, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, "Who Wants to Revise Privatization? The Complementarity of Market Skills and Institutions", <i>CEPR Discussion Paper No. DP6603</i>, pp. 284-304;</p> <p>Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, <i>Resisting the State: Reform and Retrenchment in Post-Soviet Russia</i>, Princeton University, New Jersey, 2006, Chapters 1, 3 and 5;</p> <p>Timothy Frye, <i>Brokers and Bureaucrats: Building Market Institutions in Russia</i>, University of Michigan Press 2000.</p> |
| 8. Lecture: New order or Russian model of capitalism.                                       |  |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>T. Gustafson, <i>Capitalism Russian-Style</i>, 9 skyrius; P. J. Luong, E. Weinthal, "Contra Coercion: Russian Tax Reform, Exogenous Shocks and Negotiated Institutional Change", pp. 139-152.</p>  |
| 9. Seminar: Protection of property and rule of law.   |  |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>T. Frye, "Original Sin, Good Works, and Property Rights in Russia," <i>World Politics</i> 58 (July 2006), 479–504 pp. 479–504;</p> <p>K. Hendley, "Business Litigation in the Transition: A Portrait of Debt Collection in Russia", pp. 305–347.</p>   |
| 10. Seminar: Corruption and other informal practices.                                       |  |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>D. Treisman, "What Have We Learned About the Causes of Corruption from Ten Years of Cross-National Empirical Research?" pp. 211-244;</p> <p>Alena V. Ledeneva, <i>How Russia Really Works: The Informal Practices That Shaped Post-Soviet Politics And Business</i>, Chapter 1 and 8.</p> <p>D. Gorenburg, "The Role of Corruption in Russian Politics: Editor's Introduction," <i>Russian Politics and Law</i>, pp. 3-7</p>   |

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| 11. Seminar: Business and energy  |   |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>William Zimmerman, "Russian National Interests, Use of Blood, Treasures, and Energy Price Assessments Compared, 2008-2009," pp.185-209;</p> <p>O. Bayulgen. "Foreign Investment, Oil Curse, and Democratization: A Comparison of Azerbaijan and Russia," Business and Politics, pp. 1-37.</p>   |
| 12. Lecture: Process of politics formation in Russia. Factor of political regime. | 2 |  |   | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>Celeste A. Wallander "Russian Transimperialism and Its Implications", pp. 107–122;</p> <p>Antje Kästner "From chaos to pragmatism? The domestic dimension of Russian foreign policy 1991–2008".</p>   |
| 13. Seminar: Domestic factors in foreign policy. Economics.                       |   |  | 2 | 2 | 8 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>David G. Tarr "Political Economy of Russian Trade Policy: Early Transition, Customs Unions, WTO Accession and Protection for Industrial Diversification";</p> <p>Alexey V. Kuznetsov "Industrial and geographical diversification of Russian foreign direct investments", <i>Electronic Publications of Pan-European Institute</i>, 2010.</p> |
| 14. Seminar: Domestic factors in foreign policy. Security                         |   |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>V. Shlapentokh "Perceptions of foreign threats to the regime: From Leninto Putin", pp.305-324; "The National Security of the Russian Federation until 2020", Approved by Presidential Decree of the Russian Federation on May 12, 2009, Nr. 537.</p>  |
| 15. Seminar: Domestic factors in foreign policy. Identity.                        |   |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>Iver B. Neumann "Russia as a great power, 1815–2007, pp. 128–151.</p>   |
| 16. Seminar: Russian foreign politics in strategic documents.                     |   |  | 2 | 2 | 4 | <p><i>Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:</i></p> <p>"The Foreign Policy Concept of the Russian Federation" Approved by Dmitry A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation, on 12 July 2008.</p>  |

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| 17. Seminar: Russian practices and instruments of foreign politics.     |  |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br>E. Shadrina, <i>Russia's foreign energy policy: paradigm shifts within the geographical context of Europe, Central Eurasia and Northeast Asia</i> ; Electronic Publications of Pan-European Institute 18/2010.<br><br>I. Oldberg, Russia's Great Power Strategy under Putin and Medvedev, Swedish Institute of International Affairs;<br><br>R. Newnham, Oil, carrots and sticks: Russia's energy resources as a foreign policy tool, p p .134-143. |
| 18. Seminar: Russian foreign politics in the post-soviet space.         |  |  | 2 | 2 | 8 | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br>J. Mankoff, <i>Russian Foreign Policy: The Return of Great Power Politics</i> , pp. 241-293;<br>David R. Camero, Mitchell A. Orenstein <i>Post-Soviet Authoritarianism: The Influence of Russia in its 'Near Abroad</i> , pp. 1-44.   |
| 19. Seminar: Russian foreign politics with USA and NATO.                |  |  | 2 | 2 | 4 | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br>J. Mankoff, <i>Russian Foreign Policy: The Return of Great Power Politics</i> , pp. 97-145.   |
| 20. Seminar: Russian foreign politics with EU.                          |  |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br>Jakub Kulhanek "The Fundamentals of Russia's EU Policy", pp. 51–63.   |
| 21. Seminar: Russian foreign politics with China.                       |  |  | 2 | 2 | 4 | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br>J. Mankoff, <i>Russian Foreign Policy: The Return of Great Power Politics</i> , pp. 193-241.  |
| 22. Seminar: Russian foreign politics with international organisations. |  |  | 2 | 2 | 4 | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br>K. W. Abbott, <i>Why States Act through Formal International Organizations</i> , pp. 3-32.  |
| 23. Seminar: The future of Russian foreign politics.                    |  |  | 2 | 2 | 6 | Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts:<br><br>Andrew C. Kuchins, Igor A. Zevelev "Russian Foreign Policy: Continuity in Change", pp.147-161;<br>Nicolai N. Petro "Russian Foreign Policy, 2000-2011", From Nation - State to Global Risk Sharing", PECOB's Papers Series, June 2011, No. 12<br>Preparation for the discussion   |

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| 24. Overview of the written assignments. |           | 2        |           | 2         | 2          |                                       |
| 25. Written assignment                   |           |          |           |           | 38         | Preparation of the written assignment |
| 26. Written exam                         |           |          |           |           | 40         | Revision of compendium                |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>10</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>212</b> |                                       |

| Assessment strategy         | Weight % | Deadline        | Assessment criteria  |
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| Performance during seminars | 30%      | During semester | Active participation in discussions (5%)<br>Quality of comments, insights and relevant remarks (10%);<br>Preparation of the presentation (15%).  |
| Written assignment          | 30%      | During semester | Correspondence to methodological requirements(10%);<br>Depth of analysis of the topic (10%);<br>Ability to analyse and evaluate (10%).   |
| Written exam                | 40%      | During session  | Structure, logic, proper references (5 %);<br>Style: clearness, consistency, academic vocabulary (5%);<br>Justification of arguments (10%);<br>Ability to analyse and evaluate (10%);<br>Knowledge and ability to refer to assigned academic literature (10%). |

| Author                       | P u b-l i s h i n g year | Title   | Issue of a periodical or volume of a publica- tion; pages | Publishing house or internet site    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Required reading</b>      |                          |   |   |                                      |
| P. Hall, D. Soskice (sud.)   | 2001                     | Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage |   | Oxford: Oxford University Press      |
| S. Maxfield, B. R. Schneider | 1997                     | Business and the State in Developing Countries                                  |   | Cornell University Press             |
| R. Ortung                    | 2006                     | Business-State Relations in Russia  | August  | Russian Analytical Digest            |
| M. Lavigne                   | 1995                     | The Economics of Transition: From Socialist Economy to Market Economy           |   | New York: St. Martin's Press Inc.    |
| M. Olson                     | 2001                     | Power and Prosperity: Outgrowing Communist and Capitalist Dictatorships         |   | New York: Basic Books                |
| P. R. Gregory                | 2004                     | The Political Economy of the Stalinism  |   | New York: Cambridge University Press |

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| K. T. Liuhto                                   |      | The Transformation of the Soviet Enterprise and Its Management: A Literature Review                      | Working Paper No. 146 | ESRC Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge <a href="http://www.cbr.cam.ac.uk/pdf/WP146.pdf">http://www.cbr.cam.ac.uk/pdf/WP146.pdf</a> |
| J. Svejnar                                     | 2002 | Transition Economies: Performance and Challenges   | 16 (1)                | Journal of Economic Perspectives   |
| J. Hellman                                     | 1998 | Winners Take All: The Politics of Partial Reform in Post-Communist Transitions                           | 50 (2)                | World Politics   |
| G. Roland                                      | 2002 | Transition and Economics: Politics, Markets, and Firms   |                       | Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press   |
| I. Denisova, M. Eller, T. Frye, E. Zhuravskaya | 2009 | Who Wants to Revise Privatization? The Complementarity of Market Skills and Institutions                 | 103 (2)               | American Political Science Review  |
| K. Stoner-Weiss                                | 2006 | Resisting the State: Reform and Retrenchment in Post-Soviet Russia                                       |                       | New York: Cambridge University Press   |
| T. Frye  | 2000 | Brokers and Bureaucrats: Building Market Institutions in Russia  |                       | University of Michigan Press   |
| T. Gustafson                                   | 2005 | Capitalism Russian-Style   |                       | Cambridge University Press   |
| P. J. Luong, E. Weinthal                       | 2004 | Contra Coercion: Russian Tax Reform, Exogenous Shocks and Negotiated Institutional Change                | 98 (1)                | American Political Science Review  |
| T. Frye  | 2006 | Original Sin, Good Works, and Property Rights in Russia  | 58 (4)                | World Politics   |
| K. Hendley                                     | 2004 | Business Litigation in the Transition: A Portrait of Debt Collection in Russia                           | 38 (4)                | Law and Society Review   |
| D. Treisman                                    | 2007 | What Have We Learned About the Causes of Corruption from Ten Years of Cross-National Empirical Research? | 10                    | Annual Review of Political Science   |



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| A. V. Ledeneva   | 2006 | How Russia Really Works: The Informal Practices That Shaped Post-Soviet Politics And Business  |         | Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press  |
| D. Gorenburg   | 2009 | The Role of Corruption in Russian Politics: Editor's Introduction  | 47 (4)  | Russian Politics and Law  |
| W. Zimmerman   | 2009 | Russian National Interests, Use of Blood, Treasures, and Energy Price Assessments Compared, 2008-2009                                    | 25 (3)  | Post-Soviet Affairs   |
| O. Bayulgen  | 2005 | Foreign Investment, Oil Curse, and Democratization: A Comparison of Azerbaijan and Russia  | 7 (1)   | Business and Politics   |
| C. A. Wallander  | 2007 | Russian Transimperialism and Its Implications  | 30 (2)  | The Washington Quarterly  |
| A. Kästner   | 2008 | From chaos to pragmatism? The domestic dimension of Russian foreign policy 1991–2008   | 19      | German Development Institute, DIE Discussion Paper  |
| David G. Tarr  | 2009 | Political Economy of Russian Trade Policy: Early Transition, Customs Unions, WTO Accession and Protection for Industrial Diversification |         | Pranešimas konferencijoje “The Political Economy of Trade Policy in the BRICS” Kovo 27-28, 2009 New Orleans                             |
| A. V. Kuznetsov  | 2010 | Industrial and geographical diversification of Russian foreign direct investments  |         | Electronic Publications of Pan-European Institute   |
| V. Shlapentokh   | 2009 | Perceptions of foreign threats to the regime: From Lenin to Putin  | 42      | Communist and Post-Communist Studies  |
| Presidential Decree of the Russian Federation          | 2009 | The National Security of the Russian Federation until 2020   | Nr. 537 |   |
| I. B. Neumann  | 2008 | Russia as a great power, 1815–2007   |         | Journal of International Relations and Development  |
| President of the Russian Federation Dmitry A. Medvedev | 2008 | The Foreign Policy Concept of the Russian Federation   |         | <a href="http://archive.kremlin.ru/eng/text/docs/2008/07/204750.shtml">http://archive.kremlin.ru/eng/text/docs/2008/07/204750.shtml</a> |

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| J. Kulhanek                                     | 2010 | The Fundamentals of Russia's EU Policy  | 57 (5) | Problems of Post Communism  |
| A. C. Kuchins, I. A. Zevelev                    | 2012 | Russian Foreign Policy: Continuity in Change  | 35 (1) | The Washington Quarterly  |
| N. N. Petro                                     | 2011 | Russian Foreign Policy, 2000-2011: From Nation-State to Global Risk Sharing   | 12     | PECOB's Papers Series   |
| J. Mankoff                                      | 2009 | Russian Foreign Policy: The Return of Great Power Politics  |        | Rowman & Littlefield Publishers   |
| D. R. Camero, M. A. Orenstein                   | 2012 | Post-Soviet Authoritarianism: The Influence of Russia in its 'Near Abroad'  | 28 (1) | Post-Soviet Affairs   |
| E. Shadrina                                     | 2010 | Russia's foreign energy policy: paradigm shifts within the geographical context of Europe, Central Eurasia and Northeast Asia |        | Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies   |
| I. Oldberg                                      | 2010 | Russia's Great Power Strategy under Putin and Medvedev  |        | Swedish Institute of International Affairs  |
| R. Newnham                                      | 2011 | Oil, carrots and sticks: Russia's energy resources as a foreign policy tool   | 2 (2)  | Journal of Eurasian Studies   |
| K. W. Abbott                                    | 1998 | Why States Act through Formal International Organizations   | 42 (1) | Journal of Conflict Resolution  |
| <b>Recommended reading</b>                      |      |   |        |   |
| O. Oliker, K. Crane, L. H. Schwartz, C. Yusupov | 2009 | Russian Foreign Policy: Sources and Implications  |        | RAND Corporation<br><a href="http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monographs/2009/RAND_MG768.pdf">http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monographs/2009/RAND_MG768.pdf</a> |
| R. E. Kanet (sud.)                              | 2010 | Russian Foreign Policy in the 21st Century  |        | Palgrave Macmillan  |
| A. P. Tsygankov                                 | 2010 | Russia's Foreign Policy: Change and Continuity in National Identity   |        | Rowman & Littlefield Publishers   |

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| B. Nygren                        | 2008 | The Rebuilding of Greater Russia: Putin's Foreign Policy Towards the CIS Countries     |  | Routledge                    |
| A. Wenger, J. Perovic, R. Ortung | 2006 | Russian Business Power: The Role of Russian Business in Foreign and Security Relations |  | London & New York: Routledge |