

# EUROPE, RUSSIA AND THE CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER

## Course syllabus

**Lecture dates:** 6-8 March 2019 at 16.00-19.15 (12 academic hours)

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**Course objectives:** understand the sources and implications of the current confrontation between the EU, its member states and partners such as Ukraine, on the one hand, and Russia, on the other hand. Analyze the Europe-Russia dynamics in the context of broader ongoing changes of global order.

**Mode of examination:** Written essay, appr. 2000 words, deadline 12 April, instructions to be given during lectures

## Main topics:

- Major global trends – explore the position of the EU and Russia *vis à vis* each trend:
  - o shift towards multi-polar/multi-order world
  - o US-China rivalry
  - o erosion of multilateralism, return of power politics
  - o but also networked world as a challenge to state-centric international relations
- the EU's worldview and nascent foreign and security policy since the end of the Cold War
  - o from idealist expansion to more realist, inward-looking self-protection
  - o how to defend the liberal, rules-based order (and what is it)
  - o how to approach the 'neighbourhood': transition, stability, resilience...
  - o relations with Russia: from a 'strategic partner' to 'strategic challenge'
- Russia's foreign policy trajectory since the end of the Cold War
  - o What changed, what did not change with the collapse of SU
  - o Gradual rejection of the idea of integrating with Europe
  - o Restoring major power status
  - o Return of the West as an adversary
- EU-Russia clash over Ukraine, and more
  - o Turning points of 2004 (OR), 2008 (Russia-Georgian war), 2014 (Crimea, Donbas)
  - o Normative battle over European security order, political order, economic order
  - o Changing approach to interdependence
- a brief comparison of the latest security strategies of the EU, Russia, US and China
  - o Compare the approaches of each major actor to the Ukraine conflict – how is this issue affected by the major global trends (see above)?
- Looking ahead: are we stuck in 'Cold War 2.0'? What is different this time? How to manage tensions?

**Required reading:**

Forsberg, Tuomas, 'Russia and the European security order revisited: from the congress of Vienna to the post-cold war', *European Politics and Society*, 2018, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23745118.2018.1545182>

Kortunov, Andrey, 'Will Russia return to Europe', Russian International Affairs Council, 2018, <http://russiancouncil.ru/en/analytics-and-comments/analytics/will-russia-return-to-europe/>

Liik, Kadri, 'Winning the normative war with Russia: An EU-Russia Power Audit', Policy Brief, European Council on Foreign Relations, May 2018, [https://www.ecfr.eu/publications/summary/winning\\_the\\_normative\\_war\\_with\\_russia\\_an\\_eu\\_russia\\_power\\_audit](https://www.ecfr.eu/publications/summary/winning_the_normative_war_with_russia_an_eu_russia_power_audit)

Raik, Kristi '[Liberalism and geopolitics in EU-Russia relations: Rereading the 'Baltic factor'](#)', *European Security* 25:2 (2016), 237-255.

Raik, Kristi, Mika Aaltola, Jyrki Kallio & Katri Pynnöniemi, '[The security strategies of the US, China, Russia and the EU: Living in different worlds](#)', FIIA Report 56 (2018), Helsinki: Finnish Institute of International Affairs.

**Additional reading (optional):**

Dragneva, R. and K. Wolczuk, 'The EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and the Challenges of Inter-Regionalism', *Review of Central and East European Law* 39 (2014), pp. 213–244.

Forsberg, T. and H. Haukkala, *The European Union and Russia*, London: Palgrave, 2016.

Haukkala, H. *The EU-Russia strategic partnership: the limits of post-sovereignty in international relations*, London: Routledge, 2010.

Rácz, András & Kristi Raik, '[EU-Russia Relations in the New Putin Era: Not much light at the end of the tunnel](#)', Report, June 2018, Tallinn: International Centre for Defence and Security/ Estonian Foreign Policy Institute.

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Samokhvalov, V. 'Ukraine between Russia and the European Union: Triangle Revisited', *Europe-Asia Studies* 67/9 (2015), pp. 1371-1393

Youngs, Richard, *Europe's Eastern Crisis: The Geopolitics of Asymmetry*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.