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:
  - shift towards multi-polar/multi-order world
  - US-China rivalry
  - erosion of multilateralism, return of power politics
  - 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
  - from idealist expansion to more realist, inward-looking self-protection
  - how to defend the liberal, rules-based order (and what is it)
  - how to approach the ‘neighbourhood’: transition, stability, resilience…
  - relations with Russia: from a ‘strategic partner’ to ‘strategic challenge’
- Russia’s foreign policy trajectory since the end of the Cold War
  - What changed, what did not change with the collapse of SU
  - Gradual rejection of the idea of integrating with Europe
  - Restoring major power status
  - Return of the West as an adversary
- EU-Russia clash over Ukraine, and more
  - Turning points of 2004 (OR), 2008 (Russio-Georgian war), 2014 (Crimea, Donbas)
  - Normative battle over European security order, political order, economic order
  - Changing approach to interdependence
- a brief comparison of the latest security strategies of the EU, Russia, US and China
  - 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:**


**Additional reading (optional):**


