

NATO/Russia

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Course Description:

The course examines the current security environment in Europe, with a focus on NATO and trans-Atlantic relations. A key element will be relations with Russia. On the final day, we will present a role-play simulation based on a scenario of a Russian invasion of a NATO Ally.

Schedule of Classes and Assignments – the key reading is the Rand document on Day 2.

Class one (Dec. 11):

- **NATO and Trans-Atlantic Security (two hours)**

Washington Treaty, April 4, 1949: https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts/17120.htm (4 pg)

NATO 101 (1 page)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fzx6GWY1vbrZ-5pXYdu2BFO1xkqMoCVO/view>

Public Presentation: Amb Nick Burns and Gen. Jim Jones (one hour)

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?411796-1/nicholas-burns-james-jones-discuss-natos-future>

- **Russia (two hours): Moscow's Foreign and Security Policy**

The New Cold War, Putin's Russia and the threat to the West, Edward Lucas.

Preface

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f09YSLf-kGJ4jBNIV42Br_FtLvnCbR1l/view?usp=sharing

Introduction

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wJc1TFTD5EBfVc07pPLYlGjAZXApS2kj/view?usp=sharing>

Chapter 8: Saber Rattling and Selling Sabers

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w6Dj-QxQ_0B0ZQaxKdA3J4DApWQ8z3Je/view?usp=sharing

Chapter 9: How to Win the New Cold War; Why the West Must Believe in Itself

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Madq-hdzde6aYiMHPPhJmKDwONNHfDz8v/view?usp=sharing>

Class 2 (Dec. 12): Conventional Posture, Deterrence and Defense

NATO SecGen Stoltenberg Speech <https://www.c-span.org/video/?407763-1/nato-jens-stoltenberg-remarks>

The American Interest, "[The Case for Deterrence by Denial](#)," by Wess Mitchell, CEPA

Rand War Game – Russian invasion of Estonia

https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR1253.html

Class 3 (Dec. 13): In Class interactive/simulation/table top exercise

Material to be distributed.