



### COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

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

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

Study cycle	Type of the course unit
Second	Mandatory

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

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

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

<b>Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed</b>
<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
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					
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Contact hours, total	Individual work	Assignments
1. Introduction. Course subject, objectives and requirements of the further discussions. The main concept of the course	2			2	4	
2. Lecture: Models of state and economic interactions.	2			2	6	Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts: P. Hall, D. Soskice, <i>Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage</i> , pp. 1-68; Jan Svejnar, "Transition Economics: Performance and Challenges." <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> , pp.3-28; Joel Hellman, "Winners Take All: The Politics of Partial Reform in Post – Communist Transitions," <i>World Politics</i> , pp. 203-234

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. Vliggenthart, "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. Ortung, "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>

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>

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>

17. Seminar: Russian practices and instruments of foreign politics.			2	2	6	Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts: 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.  I. Oldberg, <i>Russia's Great Power Strategy under Putin and Medvedev</i> , Swedish Institute of International Affairs;  R. Newnham, <i>Oil, carrots and sticks: Russia's energy resources as a foreign policy tool</i> , p p .134-143.
18. Seminar: Russian foreign politics in the post-soviet space.			2	2	8	Compulsory readings and analysis of the texts: J. Mankoff, <i>Russian Foreign Policy: The Return of Great Power Politics</i> , pp. 241-293; David R. Camero, <i>Mitchell A. Orenstein 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: 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: 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: 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: 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:  Andrew C. Kuchins, Igor A. Zevelev "Russian Foreign Policy: Continuity in Change", pp.147-161; Nicolai N. Petro "Russian Foreign Policy, 2000-2011", <i>From Nation - State to Global Risk Sharing</i> ", PECOB's Papers Series, June 2011, No. 12 Preparation for the discussion

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
Performance during seminars	30%	During semester	Active participation in discussions (5%) Quality of comments, insights and relevant remarks (10%); Preparation of the presentation (15%).
Written assignment	30%	During semester	Correspondence to methodological requirements(10%); Depth of analysis of the topic (10%); Ability to analyse and evaluate (10%).
Written exam	40%	During session	Structure, logic, proper references (5 %); Style: clearness, consistency, academic vocabulary (5%); Justification of arguments (10%); Ability to analyse and evaluate (10%); 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. Orttung	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

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. Weintal	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



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>

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. Oliner, K. Crane, L. H. Schwartz, C. Yusupov	2009	Russian Foreign Policy: Sources and Implications		RAND Corporation <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

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

