

***Contemporary Russia***  
**A New Era After the war in Ukraine**  
***Syllabus 2017:2018***

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2- **AIM AND SCOPE OF THE SEMINAR**  
 MONDAY FROM 1.15 PM TO 2.45 PM  
 FROM THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER  
 SEMESTER 1, 12 SESSIONS

3- **AIM AND SCOPE**

The lecture aims at introducing the students to the latest stance and position which has been adopted by Russian leaders since the war in Ukraine in 2014: power, strength, unilateralism and distance with Europe. This lecture's ambitions is to understand and describe Russia's new strategic views of its position and identity in globalization. The rhetoric of power as well as the domestic media are central features in this new era.

A major assumption is that this new trend is deeply interconnected with many domestic challenges: economic modernization and sustainable growth on the one hand, as well as political and societal democratization on the other hand.

The lecture is divided into two parts:

Part I: Is Russia a New Threat in International Relations?

Part II: Russia inside out: economic, political and societal challenges.

4- **METHODOLOGY**

Students' participation and involvement: Comments on pictures, comments on interviews, presentations by one or two students

5- **STRUCTURE OF THE SESSION**

- A focus on .... : presentation by students
- Readings (1 paper) or videos
- Comments and discussion with students

6- **MOODLE**

🔔 **PAY ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT**

- ENROLMENT IS NEEDED (PASSWORD, "ENGLISH TRACK", IN THE ENGLISH TRACK SPACE)
- ENROLMENT WILL BE CLOSED FROM OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Each session is composed of:

- 1) **One powerpoint document** :
  - Describing *the global structure of the course* (only the basic guidelines and main moments will be presented, the content

will be presented during the lecture). They are only a support for the lesson.

- In every powerpoint, you will find also at the end a glossary of basic terms that you have to know (last slides)
  - You will find additional readings and basic literature
- The lecture of these documents is **compulsory and their content is part of the knowledge and information required for the exam.**

## 6- PRESENCE: COMPULSORY

25 students are enrolled in the group

Your presence is compulsory for every class

Besides students are encouraged to participate fully in class and to ask questions.

## 7- EXAMS:

- WRITTEN AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER DURING THE LAST WEEK OF CLASS IN DECEMBER
- 4-5 QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH

## 9- BIBLIOGRAPHY

### a textbook

Steven Rosefielde and Stefan Hedlund, *Russia Since 1980*, September/October 2009, Cambridge University Press.

**.. and other books ...more references will be given during the lecture**

**Leo McCann (ed.)**, *Russian Transformations; Challenging the Global Narrative*, Routledge, Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, 2012.

**Elena Chebankova (ed.)**, *Civil Society in Putin's Russia*, Routledge, Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, 2013.

**Alexander Domrin**, *The Limits of Russian Democratisation, Emergency Powers and States of Emergency*, Routledge, Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, 2012.

**Helena Goscilo (ed.)**; *Putin as Celebrity and Cultural Icon*, Routledge, Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, 2012.

**Robert Horvath (ed.)**, *Putin's Preventive Counter-Revolution Post-Soviet Authoritarianism and the Spectre of Velvet Revolution*, Routledge, Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, 2012.

**Vladislav Inozemtsev, Piotr Dutkiewicz**, *Democracy versus Modernization, A Dilemma for Russia and for the World*, Routledge, Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, 2012.

**Oleg Kharkhordin, Risto Alapuro**, *Political Theory and Community Building in Post-Soviet Russia*, Routledge, Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, 2010.

**Alena Ledeneva**, *Russia's Economy of Favours Blat, Networking and Informal Exchange*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1998.

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**S. P. Roberts (ed.)**, *Putin's United Russia Party*, Routledge, Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, 2011.

**Sakwa Richard. (ed.)**, *Power and Policy in Putin's Russia*, Routledge, 2011.