GOALS OF THE COURSE
The course will examine relations between the European Union (and its member states) and post-communist countries to the east, including Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine. Examples from a range of policy areas will be drawn upon, including border and visa policy, energy policy, and security issues in the post-Soviet space. Implications of Russian initiatives, such as the Eurasian Economic Union, will also be explored. Recent developments, including the Ukraine crisis, will be discussed and analyzed. The course examines the material from the perspective of various actors, to avoid either a Eurocentric or Russocentric approach. The course has an experiential learning element, in the form of a simulation exercise.

The course will be run seminar style. Students are expected to play an active role in the life of the class. Completion of course readings, participation in class discussions, class presentations, and a course paper will be required. Student presentations will provide additional material not covered by required readings, and students will present ideas from position papers on contentious issues

COURSE OVERVIEW

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APRIL 9. NOON TERM ESSAY DUE

*Position papers and Assignments related to oral presentations are due the appropriate week (as per specific instructions)
Requirements (Overview)

Position paper and its presentation 15 %
Oral presentation in class (+ power point or reading analysis) 15%
Term research paper proposal (Due Feb. 13, noon) approved, not approved
Term research essay (Due April 9, noon) 35%
Class discussion and attendance 20%
Simulation /debate and briefing note (Due March 11 at 10 a.m) 15%

Requirements (detail):

1. **Seminar participation.** Participation will be graded on the basis of attendance and the quality of regular contributions to the class discussion; familiarity with required course readings will be considered an important criterion of evaluation. Please consult with instructor if you are concerned about this element so that I can try to assist in facilitating your participation.

2. **Position paper:** Each student is required to write one position paper related to a particular class session, which will be assigned in the first class session. The paper should be about 5 pages in length (double-spaced, 12 point font, plus sources), but no more than six pages. The paper is due on the Wednesday, at noon, before the relevant class session, handed in through the CULearn Assignment box. Each paper will argue a position, supported by evidence and sources, related to a specified question relating to the week’s topic. The paper should include evidence to support the position and responds to counterarguments to the position taken. The questions to be addressed are on the course outline. You may suggest a different question for your paper, but it must be approved in advance. The paper should demonstrate familiarity with the course readings for the week but be focused around the student’s own conclusions and insights. Students should be prepared to summarize their position orally in class (10 minutes, followed by discussion). A bibliography of works cited should be included, and in-text citations should be used for direct quotes or specific references to the readings. It is not expected that you include readings beyond the required readings for the week, but optional readings may be included if desired. The position papers should NOT be summaries of readings. Papers will be evaluated based on the cogency and clarity of the argument, as well as evidence brought in support of it (including references to course readings). Students may replace their first mark with the mark on a second or additional papers, if desired.

3. **Oral presentations:** Each student will make a presentation in a given class session or class sessions. The presentations are of two types: country presentation and reading presentation. Each student will do one of the two types of presentation (not both). Presentation topics will be assigned in the first class session. Please consider which type of presentation you would prefer to do before the first class session, when topics will be assigned.
   (a) The reading presentation will be a two-part presentation; the first part will focus on a required reading for a specified week and the second part on an additional reading relating to a different week’s topic. A list of additional readings that may be used for that part of the oral presentation is included on the course syllabus. Along with the presentation, the student will provide a short (1-2 page) written reading analysis for each of the two readings, to be shared with other students through CULearn. A template for each of these reading analyses will be posted on CULearn. Weeks will be assigned in the first class session. The presentation (on the required reading) should be no more than 5-7 minutes; the second 10 minutes (followed by discussion).
   (b) Country presentation: This presentation will provide an overview of key information regarding one of the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine. The presentation will be about 15 minutes in length and will be given in the class session preceding the week in which the relevant country is discussed. The presenter should draw in additional readings beyond those required for the course; the oral presentation should be accompanied by a
powerpoint presentation. A list of additional sources consulted should be provided separately to the instructor in hard copy. Detailed guidelines for the presentation will be provided on CULearn.

4. **Term research essay** (including proposal): Each student is required to write a term research paper (15 pages), which addresses a topic related to the EU/EU Member States relationship with one or more of the Eastern neighbours. Two types of term paper are welcome:
   a) *A research note*. This type of paper would provide in-depth research on a particular empirical question and would involve the use of primary sources. It will answer a ‘what’ or ‘how’ question. While you will need to explain the importance of what you are researching, the paper does not need to be theory based.
   b) *An analytical paper*. This paper would explore a particular ‘why’ or ‘how’ question, making use of secondary literature, and, if appropriate, some primary sources. This paper should situate the analysis in relevant theories and concepts.

   In either case, the topic and tentative bibliography for the paper (2 pages) must be handed in for approval through the CULearn Assignment box by Feb. 13 at noon. Each student should meet with the course instructor to discuss the plan for the better before or after the proposal is completed. The paper is due on April 10 at 4 p.m., both in hard copy and submitted to the CULearn Assignment box, unless agreed separately. The instructor reserves the right to require the student to engage in an individual oral discussion on the research paper with the instructor (outside of class sessions) following its submission.

   The paper proposal will receive an evaluation of approved/not approved. Proposals should indicate the question that the paper will address, any hypotheses to be tested, relevant theories (for the analytical paper), and materials to be used as well as a bibliography including at least five items (to be expanded for the full paper). Proposals that are initially not approved should be revised. However failure to gain approval for the proposal (after revisions, if necessary) may adversely affect the mark on the final paper. See below on due dates and penalties for failure to hand in the proposal.

5. **Class Simulation: Experiential Learning Activity.** The class will hold a simulation on March 12 in the seminar session. This will involve a debate in the European Council about the lifting of sanctions on Russia, followed by a debate on initiating negotiations with the Eurasian Economic Union. Students will represent EU member states. Depending on the class size, students may work in teams of two. Each class member will prepare a briefing note for the session (one page, single spaced) which reflects the views of the actor being represented on each of the two issues; where teams of two students are covering the same country, the team will prepare a briefing note on both topics. The briefing notes will be handed in to the CULearn Assignment at noon on March 11. This assignment may be altered somewhat depending on discussions in class.

**Due Dates and Penalties**

Please note the following important rules associated with this course:

- Any student who fails to hand in the term research paper will receive a failing mark in the course. Penalties for late assignments will be as follows (waived with a valid medical or equivalent excuse):
  - Term essay or research paper: Two points (of a % scale) for each day late (excluding weekends). No papers accepted after April 16 at noon.
  - Failure to hand in the proposal for the term essay will result in a 5% deduction from the overall mark on the term essay, or a 2% deduction if handed in more than one week late. Failure to receive approval of the proposal may also affect the mark on the essay itself.
Position papers, simulation briefing note: These assignments, if handed in late (without a valid excuse) but by the beginning of the relevant class session, will receive a maximum mark of 80% (of 100%). Papers handed in later than that but within one week will receive a maximum mark of 60% (out of 100%). Later papers or if not handed in will receive an F.

Students absent on a date of the simulation, presentation of the position paper, or oral presentation will receive an F for the oral component unless a valid medical (or equivalent) excuse is provided. In the case of a valid excuse, the presentation will, when possible, be rescheduled. Students who, for a valid reason, are not able to be present for any of these components on the designated day must inform the instructor as far as possible in advance of the class.

If a valid excuse is provided for absence at a seminar session (accepted as valid by the instructor in writing), then the student request to make up the missed participation marks by providing a three page paper addressing two of the discussion questions for the week; this should normally be handed in within one week of the missed session. This option is only available for excused absences, validated by the instructor.

**Readings (subject to change)**

Required readings are available through Ares, Reserves, or cuLearn. **Materials on the reading list below marked with an * are required.** Additional materials are listed for most sessions for those interested in pursuing the topic of the seminar further. Please note that readings may be adjusted/substituted throughout the semester and that this will be indicated on the weekly discussion sheets.

**DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS**

**January 9**

**Week 1: Introduction to the course and organizational matters; theoretical approaches to the EU’s Eastern Policy**

**Readings (Recommended):**


**January 16**

**Week 2: The Evolution of the EU’s Neighbourhood and Eastern Partnership Policies, the EU’s Two-track approach**

*The genesis, rationale, principles, and evolution of the EU’s European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)*

*Adapting enlargement as a template for the ENP?*

*From the ENP to the Eastern Partnership policy (EaP)*

**EaP Review and Revision**

**Required readings:**


Official documents (skim, recommended, but optional):


For the oral presentation:


Optional readings:


• Additional key documents on the Eastern partnership are at: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/russia/12269/eastern-partnership-key-documents_en


Position paper topic:
Was the ENP the optimal response to the post-enlargement dilemma facing the EU? Why or why not? Could the paradoxes that Casier identified have been avoided, and, if so, how?
-Do recent revisions in the ENP/EaP involve a fundamental shift in strategy toward a more geopolitical approach rather than a normative one?

January 23
Week 3: Russia’s European and Regional Policy
Drivers of Russian Foreign Policy
Russia’s regional integration initiatives
The Eurasian Economic Union: it nature, motivations, and prospects
Compatibility of EU and Russian integration schemes
The place of the EU and Russian integration initiatives in the global order

Required readings
- *Peter Rutland, “Still out in the Cold?: Russia’s Place in a Globalizing World (2012),
  “Communist and Post-Communist Studies 45, 343–354
- *Bobo Lo (2015), Chpt. 6 “Engaging with the West,” in Russia and the New World Order,
  (London:Chatham House, Brookings, 2015), pp. 165-200
- *Tuomas Forsberg (2019), “Explaining Russian foreign policy towards the EU
  Chpt. 1 and 2, and others selectively (available as an e-book through the Carleton library OMNI
  catalogue).

Official positions (recommended to skim):
- Vladimir Putin, “Russia and the changing world,” February 27, 2012, RiaNovosti,
  Munich conference on Security Policy,” Feb. 17, (read selectively) online at:
  http://archive.kremlin.ru/eng/speeches/2007/02/10/0138_type82912type82914type82917type847
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For the oral presentation:
  Russia’s Foreign Policy,” Geopolitics 12 (3): 375-399
- Peter Ferdinand, “”Russia Turns East Again?  Russia and China after the Ukraine Crisis,” in in
  Casier and DeBardeleben, EU-Russia Relations in Crisis, pp. 219-237

Optional:
- Angela Stent (2019), Putin’s World (Twelve)
- Peter Ferdinand, “”Russia Turns East Again?  Russia and China after the Ukraine Crisis,” in in
  Casier and DeBardeleben, EU-Russia Relations in Crisis, pp. 219-237.
- Derek Averre, “Competing Rationalities: Russia, the EU and the ‘Shared Neighbourhood,’
  Europe-Asia Studies, 61:10 (2009), pp. 1689-1713
- Alena Voysotskaya Guesdes Vieira (2014), “Ukraine’s Crisis and Russia’s Closest allies: A
  97-111

Position paper topics:
-To what extent is Russia’s recently assertive foreign policy reactive (reacting to Western actions) as
opposed to proactive (reflecting Russian domestically-generated priorities)? What are the implications
of your answer to this question for how the West should respond?
-How should the EU react to Russian requests to recognize and cooperate with the Eurasian Economic
Union?

January 30
Week 4: The EU’s relations with Russia before the Ukraine crisis
The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement
Common Spaces and Road Maps
Partnership for Modernization
The role of values, norms, and human rights issues
Reasons for stagnation

Required readings:
- *Tuomas Forsberg and Hiski Haukkala (2016), The European Union and Russia, Chpt. 2, pp. 10-45.

Strategy Documents (1999) (posted on Ares) (recommended to skim, optional)
- Common Strategy of the European Union of 4 June 1999 on Russia

For the oral presentation:
- Country presentation: Ukraine
- Derek Averre, “Competing Rationalities: Russia, the EU and the ‘Shared Neighbourhood,’ *Europe-Asia Studies*, 61:10 (2009), pp. 1689-1713

Optional:
- Hiski Haukalla (2010), *The EU- Russia strategic partnership : the limits of post-sovereignty in international relations*
- EU documents, up to 2002, can be located at [http://www.bits.de/EURA/EURAMAIN.htm](http://www.bits.de/EURA/EURAMAIN.htm):

Position paper topics:
Over the long span, are EU-Russia tensions fundamentally about different values and norms or about clashing interests?
Does the Ukraine crisis trigger a paradigm shift in EU-Russian relations or is it part of a fluctuating pattern of relations that can be expected to ‘normalize’ (what is normalization)?
February 6  
Week 5: The Emergence of the Ukraine Crisis, Ukraine’s relations with Russia and with the EU before and since the crisis

Ukraine’s foreign policy ambivalence  
Geopolitical and domestic sources of the Ukraine crisis  
Changing relations with Russia and the EU  
Implications of the Association Agreement and DCFTA with the EU

If you require background on the Ukraine crisis, the following is recommended: Rajan Menon and Eugene Rumer, Conflict in Ukraine: The Unwinding of the Post-Cold War Order, Chpt. 2 and/or Chpt. 4

Required readings:


For the oral presentation:

- Georgia: Country presentation  
- Moldova: Country presentation  

Optional Readings:

- Paul D’Anieri, “Ukrainian foreign policy from independence to inertia,” Communist and Post-Communist Studies 45, no. 3-4 (2012), 447-455

Position paper topics:
- Is Ukraine faced with an either-or choice (Russia or the EU), and, if so, is the European choice viable economically?
- To what extent is the EU to blame for the Ukraine crisis?

February 13

**Week 6: Receptiveness of neighbours: Georgia, and Moldova**

*Geopolitical sources of interaction*

*Internal and economic sources of interaction*

*Georgia as successful multi-vector policy?*

*What’s gone wrong in Moldova?*

Please read all of the articles on one of the countries and at least one article on the other country

*Required Georgia*


*Required Moldova*


For the oral presentation:

• Country presentation: Azerbaijan

Optional Reading:

• Frederik Coene, *Post-Soviet Politics: Euro-Atlantic Discourse in Georgia: The Making of Georgian Foreign and Domestic Policy after the Rose Revolution* (Routledge, 2016), Chpt. 2
• Thijs Rommens (2017),” The Eastern partnership in Georgia: Europeanizing civil society? *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 50 (2): 113-123.
• George, Julie (2013), “Georgia’s Rocky Path to Democracy, “ *Current History* October, Vol. 112 (756), pp. 277ff

Position Paper:
-What should the EU do about corruption in Moldova, and can we learn anything from Georgia about this?
-Should the EU or NATO do more to protect Georgia’s security and assure its territorial integrity?
February 27

**Week 7: Azerbaijan; Frozen conflicts**

**Required Readings:**


**For the oral presentation**

- Country presentation: Armenia
- Country presentation: Belarus

**Optional:**


**Topic for position paper**

*Are frozen conflicts in the post-Soviet space best kept frozen, and what does ‘frozen’ mean? Why? (Use example if appropriate).*

**March 5:**

**Week 8: Belarus and Armenia: Between the Eurasian Economic Union and the EU**

*Belarus’ version of the dual vector policy and EU responses*

**The Armenian exception**

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE ARTICLES ON ONE OF THE COUNTRIES AND AT LEAST ONE ARTICLE ON THE OTHER COUNTRY

**Required Readings (Armenia):**


*Required readings: Belarus*


**Documents:**


**For the oral presentation:**


**Optional readings:**


**Topics for position papers:**

- Should the EU reduce its normative emphasis with Belarus and focus on geopolitics?
- Is Armenia the exceptional case that has managed to reconcile EU and Russian ties? How does it manage to do so where others have failed?

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**March 12**

**Week 9: Division or Consensus in the EU: Simulation EU Debate on Russian Sanctions and on Relations with the Eurasian Economic Union**

See special instructions. Briefing notes due March 11.

**Required readings:**


• *Elisabeth Christen et al (2017)*, “Russia’s and the EU’s Sanctions: economic and trade effects, compliance and the way forward (Brussels: European Parliament, DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL POLICIES POLICY DEPARTMENT)
March 19

Week 10: Energy Security and Trade: Economics and Geopolitics

Dependence or interdependence?
EU energy policy toward Russia (member state differences)
Russian approaches to EU regulatory regimes
Geopolitical versus economic factors
Prospects for EU-Russia trade or a trade agreement
Investment and domestic political factors

Required readings:
- *Forsberg and Haukkala (2016), Chpt. 4, pp. 76-117

For the oral presentation

Optional Readings:
- Nikolai Kaveshnikov (2010), “The issue of energy security in relations between Russia and the European Union,” European Security 19, no 4 (Dec ), pp. 585-605 (see also other articles in this same issue, as optional reading

Topics for position paper:
-Can mutual energy interdependence between the EU and Russia be reinforced as a guarantors of stability and cooperation? If so, how? If not, why not?
-Should the EU work more assertively to reduce its energy dependence on Russia? Why or why not?

March 26
Week 11: The European Security Dilemma: More “wicked” than ever?

EU-Russia Relations as an emerging security dilemma
Building a new security structure in Europe?
Prospects for the OSCE?
NATO’s role

Required Readings:

For the oral presentation:

Optional:
- Selected chapters from Serghei Golunov (2013), EU-Russian Border Security: Challenges, (mis)perceptions, and responses (Routledge)

Position paper topics:
-Should NATO exclude future membership for Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova as a way to reassure Russia?
-What steps might stop the unravelling of the European security regime?

April 2
Week 12: Soft power issues: Human mobility, cross-border cooperation/security, and media discourse

Mobility and visa issues in the region
Readmission agreements and visa facilitation
Cross-border cooperation as an antidote to high politics?
Transnational linkages: European and Russian public diplomacy

Required readings:

For the oral presentation:

Optional Readings
- Forsberg and Haukkala, Chpt. 7, 177-191 and Chpt. 5, 138-145.

Position paper topics:
- Is visa-free travel for Russia a good idea? When and under what conditions should it be implemented?
- How should the EU respond to Russia’s soft and hybrid power strategies (define what they are)?
ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Requests for Academic Accommodation
You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Religious obligation
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made.

carleton.ca/pmc

Survivors of Sexual Violence
As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and is survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

Accommodation for Student Activities
Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. 


For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

PLAGIARISM

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➢ reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
➢ submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or
in part, by someone else;
➢ using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
➢ using another’s data or research findings;
➢ failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
➢ handing in substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

All suspicions of plagiarism will be dealt with according the Carleton’s Academic Integrity Policy (http://carleton.ca/studentaffairs/academic-integrity/). The Associate Dean of Graduate and Post-Graduate Affairs will conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student. Penalties are not trivial. They may include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of F for the course.

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**SUBMISSION, RETURN, AND GRADING OF TERM WORK**
Written assignments must be submitted directly to the instructor(s) according to the instructions in the course outline. If permitted in the course outline, late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside room 3305 Richcraft Hall. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at 4 p.m., stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructors. For written assignments not returned in class please attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Final standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points is:

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**CARLETON E-MAIL ACCOUNTS:** All email communication to students from the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies will be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts and/or cuLearn. As important course and university information is distributed this way, it is the student’s responsibility to monitor their Carleton and cuLearn accounts.

**OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE:** The course outline posted to EURUS website is the official course outline.