

PSCI 4601A

Foreign Policies of Soviet Successor States

Mondays 18:05-20:55

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Course Description: In 1991 one country became fifteen. The Soviet successor states have charted their own foreign policy courses since that moment, some in concert with one another, some in contrast to each other. This course examines the many issues facing the Soviet successor states and the theoretical explanations behind their respective foreign policies. While the Russian Federation remains the dominant global player after the Soviet dissolution, we will also study the states of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

Readings: All of the readings for this course are available online through WebCT. All readings assigned are required material.

Course Evaluation:

Participation	20%
Presentation	20%
Paper Proposal (due Jan. 26 th)	10%
Research Paper (due March 30 th)	50%

Course Requirements:

Presentation (20%), due week of presentation.

Students will make presentations in pairs, one pair per week. The purpose of this assignment is to simulate a conference-style format. The presentation will last 20-30 min., including a question-and-answer period from the instructor and the students' peers. Each pair will be responsible for one post-Soviet state assigned in the first session of the class. The topic, chosen by the students in consultation with the instructor, will cover a matter of foreign policy of that state. The pair will submit one double-spaced, 5-page essay (plus bibliography) the day of the presentation. Both the essay and the presentation will be graded elements of this assignment. The instructor will also consider formal feedback from each group member on the performance of the other group member in the task.

Paper Proposal (10%), due Week 4, January 26, 2009.

Each student will submit a 1-2 page proposal for a research paper that the student will undertake for the class. A template for the proposal will be distributed in class. Feedback from the instructor on the paper proposal is expected to be incorporated into the final research paper.

Research Paper (50%), due Week 13, March 30, 2009.

Each student will submit a double-spaced, 20-page research essay (plus bibliography). The paper can be about the same post-Soviet state as the student's presentation, but must be a different issue. The topic will be agreed upon with the instructor through the paper proposal and other consultations.

Participation (20%)

This is a seminar course, so all students are expected to come to class having read the assigned readings and ready to discuss them. Students will not be graded on the quantity of their remarks, but the quality of their insights, analyses, and thought-provoking questions.

Policies:

All requirements of this course must be completed in order to receive a passing grade. Written assignments are to be submitted directly to the instructor, or in accordance with the policies under the section on academic accommodations. No assignments will be accepted electronically. **The penalty for lateness is 2% per day.** The departmental drop box cut off time is 4pm. Any assignments submitted after 4pm will be date stamped for the following weekday. Medical reasons (with documentation) and family emergencies will, of course, be taken into consideration when assigning late penalties. Electronic communication with the instructor outside of class or office hours may be conducted through WebCT.

It is expected that written work will be done according to the style guidelines for footnotes and bibliographies. Students should acquaint themselves with the policies on plagiarism noted in the academic accommodations section of the syllabus.

As there is no final exam for this class, the final session typically reserved for review will be a proper seminar (April 6), including assigned readings, presentations (if necessary), and discussion.

Weekly Topics:

Week 1, January 5, 2009

- Introductory session. No readings.
 - Overview of the syllabus and the requirements of the course.
 - Discussion about the theoretical framework of the course.
 - Assigning Presentation partners and topics.

Week 2, January 12

- The Cold War Over, Russia Reintroduces Itself:
 - McNeill, Terry. "Humanitarian Intervention and Peacekeeping in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe." *International Political Science Review*. Vol. 18, No. 1, 1997, pgs. 95-113.
 - Katz, Mark N. "Exploiting Rivalries for Prestige and Profit: An Assessment of Putin's Foreign Policy Approach." *Problems of Post-Communism*. Vol. 52, No. 3, 2005, pgs. 25-36.
 - Bassin, Mark and Konstantin E. Aksenov. "Mackinder and the Heartland Theory in Post-Soviet Geopolitical Discourse." *Geopolitics*. Vol. 11, 2006, pgs. 99-118.
 - Monaghan, Andrew. "'Calmly Critical': Evolving Russian Views of US Hegemony." *The Journal of Strategic Studies*. Vol. 29, No. 6, 2006, pgs. 987-1013.
 - Sakwa, Richard. "'New Cold War' or twenty years' crisis? Russia and international politics." *International Affairs*. Vol. 84, No. 2, 2008, pgs. 241-267.
 - Averre, Derek. "Russian Foreign Policy and the Global Political Environment." *Problems of Post Communism*. Vol. 55, No. 5, 2008, pgs. 28-39.

Week 3, January 19

- Nuclear Issues:
 - Walker, William. "Nuclear order and disorder." *International Affairs*. Vol. 76, No. 4, 2000, pgs. 703-724.
 - Yost, David S. "Russia's non-strategic nuclear forces." *International Affairs*. Vol. 77, No. 3, 2001, pgs. 531-551.
 - Yang, Seung Ham, Woosang Kim, and Yongsho Kim. "Russo-North Korean Relations in the 2000s." *Asian Survey*. Vol. 44, No. 6, 2004, pgs. 794-814.
 - Kerr, David. "The Sino-Russian Partnership and US Policy Toward North Korea: From Hegemony to Concert in Northeast Asia." *International Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 49, 2005, pgs. 411-437.
 - Freedman, Robert O. "Putin, Iran, and the Nuclear Weapons Issue." *Problems of Post-Communism*. Vol. 53, No. 2, 2006, pgs. 39-48.
 - Werner, Cynthia and Kathleen Purvis-Roberts. "After the Cold War: international politics, domestic policy and the nuclear legacy in Kazakhstan." *Central Asian Survey*. Vol. 25, No. 4, 2006, pgs. 461-480.

Week 4, January 26 – PAPER PROPOSAL DUE (10%)

- EU Expansion:
 - Light, Margot, Stephen White, and John Löwenhardt. "A wider Europe: the view from Moscow and Kyiv." *International Affairs*. Vol. 76, No. 1, 2000, pgs. 77-88.
 - Baranovsky, Vladimir. "Russia: a part of Europe or apart from Europe?" *International Affairs*. Vol. 76, No. 3, 2000, pgs. 443-458.

- Löwenhardt, John, Ronald J. Hill, and Margot Light. "A wider Europe: the view from Minsk and Chisinau." *International Affairs*. Vol. 77, No. 3, 2001, pgs. 605-620.
- Bardi, Luciano, Martin Rhodes, and Susan Senior Nello. "Enlarging the European Union: Challenges to and from Central and Eastern Europe--- Introduction." *International Political Science Review*. Vol. 23, No. 3, 2002, pgs. 227-233.
- Browning, Christopher S. and Pertti Joenniemi. "Contending Discourses of Marginality: The Case of Kaliningrad." *Geopolitics*. Vol. 9, 2004, pgs. 699-730.
- Papava, Vladimer and Michael Tokmazishvili. "Becoming European: Georgia's Strategy for Joining the EU." *Problems of Post-Communism*. Vol. 53, No. 1, 2006, pgs. 26-32.
- Galbreath, David J. and Jeremy W. Lamoreaux. "Bastion, Beacon or Bridge? Conceptualising the Baltic Logic of the EU's Neighbourhood." *Geopolitics*. Vol. 12, 2007, pgs. 109-132.

Week 5, February 2, 2009

- Security Expansion--- NATO, ESDP:
 - Haslam, Jonathan. "Russia's seat at the table: a place denied or a place delayed?" *International Affairs*. Vol. 74, No. 1, 1998, pgs. 119-130.
 - Odom, William E. "Russia's several seats at the table." *International Affairs*. Vol. 74, No. 4, 1998, pgs. 809-821.
 - Fierke, K. M. "Besting the West: Russia's Machiavella Strategy." *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. Vol. 1, No. 3, 1999, pgs. 403-434.
 - Kramer, Mark. "NATO, the Baltic states and Russia: a framework for sustainable enlargement." *International Affairs*. Vol. 78, No. 4, 2002, pgs. 731-756.
 - Rontoyanni, Clelia. "So far, so good? Russia and the ESDP." *International Affairs*. Vol. 78, No. 4, 2002, pgs. 813-830.
 - Gibler, Douglas M. and Jamil A. Sewell. "External Threat and Democracy: The Role of NATO Revisited." *Journal of Peace Research*. Vol. 43, No. 4, 2006, pgs. 413-431.

Week 6, February 9

- Economic Issues:
 - Gould-Davies, Nigel and Ngaire Woods. "Russia and the IMF." *International Affairs*. Vol. 75, No. 1, 1999, pgs. 1-22.
 - Megoran, Nick, Gaël Raballand, and Jerome Bouyjou. "Performance, Representation and the Economics of Border Control in Uzbekistan." *Geopolitics*. Vol. 10, 2005, pgs. 712-740.
 - Engvall, Johan. "The State under Siege: The Drug Trade and Organised Crime in Tajikistan." *Europe-Asia Studies*. Vol. 58, No. 6, 2006, pgs. 827-854.

- Norling, Nicklas and Niklas Swanström. “The Virtues and Potential Gains of Continental Trade in Eurasia.” *Asian Survey*. Vol. 47, No. 3, 2007, pgs. 351-373.
- Zhuplev, Anatoly. “Economic Internationalization of Russia: Roots, Trends, and Scenarios.” *International Political Science Review*. Vol. 29, No. 1, 2008, pgs. 99-119.
- Khatchadourian, Raffi. “The Stolen Forests: Inside the covert war on illegal logging.” *The New Yorker*. Vol. 84, No. 31, October 6, 2008, pg. 64-73.

Week 7, February 16 – WINTER BREAK, No classes.

Week 8, February 23

- Pipeline Politics:
 - Jones Luong, Pauline and Erika Weinthal. “Prelude to the Resource Curse: Explaining Oil and Gas Development Strategies in the Soviet Successor States and Beyond.” *Comparative Political Studies*. Vol. 34, No. 4, 2001, pgs. 367-399.
 - O’Hara, Sarah L. “Great Game or Grubby Game? The Struggle for Control of the Caspian.” *Geopolitics*. Vol. 9, No. 1, 2004, pgs. 138-160.
 - Bahgat, Gawdat. “Prospects for energy cooperation in the Caspian Sea.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*. Vol. 40, 2007, pgs. 157-168.
 - Ipek, Pinar. “The Role of Oil and Gas in Kazakhstan’s Foreign Policy: Looking East or West?” *Europe-Asia Studies*. Vol. 59, No. 7, 2007, pgs. 1179-1199.
 - Cooley, Alexander. “Principles in the pipeline: managing transatlantic values and interests in Central Asia.” *International Affairs*. Vol. 84, No. 6, 2008, pgs. 1173-1188.

Week 9, March 2, 2009

- Role of Culture:
 - Brubaker, Rogers. “Migrations of Ethnic Unmixing in the ‘New Europe’.” *International Migration Review*. Vol. 32, No. 4, 1998, pgs. 1047-1065.
 - King, Charles. “The Benefits of Ethnic War: Understanding Eurasia’s Unrecognized States.” *World Politics*. Vol. 53, July 2001, pgs. 524-552.
 - Barrington, Lowell W., Erik S. Herron, and Brian D. Silver. “The Motherland is Calling: Views of Homeland among Russians in the Near Abroad.” *World Politics*. Vol. 55, January 2003, pgs. 290-313.
 - Mehdiyeva, Nazrin. “Azerbaijan and its Foreign Policy Dilemma.” *Asian Affairs*. Vol. 34, No. 3, 2003, pgs. 271-285.
 - Protsyk, Oleh. “Moldova’s Dilemmas in Democratizing and Reintegrating Transnistria.” *Problems of Post-Communism*. Vol. 53, No. 4, 2006, pgs. 29-41.
 - Cash, Jennifer R. “Origins, Memory, and Identity: ‘Villages’ and the Politics of Nationalism in the Republic of Moldova.” *East European Politics and Societies*. Vol. 21, No. 4, 2007, pgs. 588-610.

- Fumagalli, Matteo. "Ethnicity, state formation and foreign policy: Uzbekistan and 'Uzbeks abroad'." *Central Asian Survey*. Vol. 26, No. 1, March 2007, pgs. 105-122.

Week 10, March 9

- Orange, Rose, and Tulip Revolutions:
 - Goldsmith, Benjamin E. "Imitation in International Relations: Analogies, Vicarious Learning, and Foreign Policy." *International Interactions*. Vol. 29, 2003, pgs. 237-267.
 - Hale, Henry E. "Regime Cycles: Democracy, Autocracy, and Revolution in Post-Soviet Eurasia." *World Politics*. Vol. 58, October 2005, pgs. 133-165.
 - Fawn, Rick. "Battle over the box: international election observation missions, political competition and retrenchment in the post-Soviet space." *International Affairs*. Vol. 82, No. 6, 2006, pgs. 1133-1153.
 - Munro, Neil. "Which Way Does Ukraine Face? Popular Orientations Toward Russia and Western Europe." *Problems of Post-Communism*. Vol. 54, No. 6, 2007, pgs. 43-58.
 - Tudoroiu, Theodor. "Rose, Orange, and Tulip: The failed post-Soviet revolutions." *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*. Vol. 40, 2007, pgs. 315-342.

Week 11, March 16

- New Regional Security Alignments:
 - Allison, Roy. "Regionalism, regional structures and security management in Central Asia." *International Affairs*. Vol. 80, No. 3, 2004, pgs. 463-483.
 - Bohr, Annette. "Regionalism in Central Asia: new geopolitics, old regional order." *International Affairs*. Vol. 80, No. 3, 2004, pgs. 485-502.
 - Lo, Bobo. "The long sunset of strategic partnership: Russia's evolving China policy." *International Affairs*. Vol. 80, No. 2, 2004, pgs. 295-309.
 - Rangsimaporn, Paradorn. "Russia's Debate on Military-Technological Cooperation with China: From Yeltsin to Putin." *Asian Survey*. Vol. 46, No. 3, 2006, pgs. 477-495.
 - Rangsimaporn, Paradorn. "Interpretations of Eurasianism: Justifying Russia's Role in East Asia." *Europe-Asia Studies*. Vol. 58, No. 3, 2006, pgs. 371-389.
 - Ferdinand, Peter. "Sunset, sunrise: China and Russia construct a new relationship." *International Affairs*. Vol. 83, No. 5, 2007, pgs. 841-867.

Week 12, March 23

- Age of Terror:
 - Lieven, Anatol. "The Secret Policemen's Ball: the United States, Russia and the international order after 11 September." *International Affairs*. Vol. 78, No. 2, 2002, pgs. 245-259.

- Fletcher, Joseph F. and Boris Sergeyev. "Islam and Intolerance in Central Asia: the Case of Kyrgyzstan." *Europe-Asia Studies*. Vol. 54, No. 2, 2002, pgs. 251-275.
- Golan, Galia. "Russia and the Iraq War: was Putin's policy a failure?" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*. Vol. 37, 2004, pgs. 429-459.
- Buszynski, Leszek. "Russia's New Role in Central Asia." *Asian Survey*. Vol. 45, No. 4, 2005, pgs. 546-565.
- Heathershaw, John. "Worlds apart: the making and remaking of geopolitical space in the US-Uzbekistani strategic partnership." *Central Asian Survey*. Vol. 26, No. 1, March 2007, pgs. 123-140.
- Fumagalli, Matteo. "Alignments and Realignments in Central Asia: The Rationale and Implications of Uzbekistan's Rapprochement with Russia." *International Political Science Review*. Vol. 28, No. 3, 2007, pgs. 253-271.
- Mankoff, Jeffrey. "Russian Foreign Policy and the United States After Putin." *Problems of Post-Communism*. Vol. 55, No. 4, 2008, pgs. 42-51.

Week 13, March 30 – RESEARCH PAPER DUE (50%)

- The Road to the August War:
 - Lynch, Dov. "'The enemy is at the gate': Russia after Beslan." *International Affairs*. Vol. 81, No. 1, 2005, pgs. 141-161.
 - Eichler, Maya. "Russia's Post-Communist Transformation: A Gendered Analysis of the Chechen Wars." *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. Vol. 8, No. 4, 2006, pgs. 486-511.
 - Sagramoso, Domitilla. "Violence and conflict in the Russian North Caucasus." *International Affairs*. Vol. 83, No. 4, 2007, pgs. 681-705.
 - Kolstø, Pål and Helge Blakkisrud. "Living with Non-recognition: State- and Nation-building in South Caucasian Quasi-states." *Europe-Asia Studies*. Vol. 60, No. 3, 2008, pgs. 483-509.
 - Monaghan, Andrew. "'An enemy at the gates' or 'from victory to victory'? Russian foreign policy." *International Affairs*. Vol. 84, No. 4, 2008, pgs. 717-733.
 - Allison, Roy. "Russia resurgent? Moscow's campaign to 'coerce Georgia to peace'." *International Affairs*. Vol. 84, No. 6, 2008, pgs. 1145-1171.

Week 14, April 6, 2009 – REVIEW WEEK, no class as there is no exam.

Exam Period, April 8-27, 2009 excluding April 11th.

- No exam for this class.