Note: This class will be taught via video-link with a co-professor and a group of students at MGIMO, a university in Moscow. The class will be capped at 15 students on the Fletcher side.

Schedule: Tuesday 8:55am [changes to 7:55am] Boston time / 3:55pm Moscow time. First meeting: Tuesday, September 12.

Faculty: Prof Igor Istomin, MGIMO and Prof Chris Miller, Fletcher School

Assignments

1. Individual policy paper, 5 pages, due week 8. Fletcher students will write a policy paper for the Russian government, MGIMO students will advise the U.S. government

2. Team paper, written in group of 3 students, tasked with finding a solution for a problem in U.S.-Russia relations. Prof Istomin and Prof Miller will provide a list of potential topics. A first draft of the paper is due in week 12. The final draft is due the week of Dec 11. 15 pages.

Grading: 30% - class participation; 30% - paper #1; 40% - paper #2.

Course Outline

Class 1. Introduction

Class 2. The Historical Roots of US-Russian Relations

Readings:

- Andrei Tsygankov, “Authoritarian at Heart, Expansionist by Habit,” *Europe-Asia Studies* 64, no. 4 (June 2012).

Class 3. Perspectives on Global Order

Readings:

- Vladimir Putin, Munich Speech, 2007; Valdai Speech, 2014
• Samuel Huntington, “The Clash of Civilizations?” *Foreign Affairs*  
https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/1993-06-01/clash-civilizations  
• A. Makarychev, “Multipolarity in plural: resignification (s), language games, and Russia’s multiple identities,” (2011)  

**Class 4. Nuclear and Military Stability in the 21st Century**

**Readings:**

• James Acton, “Russia and Strategic Conventional Weapons,”  
http://carnegieendowment.org/2016/02/03/russia-and-strategic-conventional-weapons-pub-62676  
• Steven Pifer, “Multilateralize the INF Problem,”  
https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2017/03/21/multilateralize-the-inf-problem/  
• Sergey Karaganov, “Taking a New Look at Nuclear Peace,”  
• Alexey Arbatov, “An Unnoticed Crisis: The End of History for Nuclear Arms Control,”  

**Class 5. Normative Agendas and the Effect of Values on Relations**

**Readings:**

• Vladimir Khoros, “Cluster of Civilizations,”  
http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/number/Cluster-of-Civilizations-18760  
• “US Must Put Democracy at the Center of its Foreign Policy,”  
*Foreign Policy*, http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/03/16/the-u-s-must-put-democracy-at-the-center-of-its-foreign-policy/  
Class 6. Euro-Atlantic Order and Conventional Security

Readings:


Class 7. Conflicts in Post-Soviet Space

Readings:

- Ronald Asmus, *A Little War that Shook the World: Georgia, Russia, and the Future of the West*, ch. 1, 8.
- Menon and Rumer, *Conflict in Ukraine: The Unwinding of the Post-Cold War Order*, introduction, ch. 2.

Class 8. Instability in Middle East and Afghanistan

Readings:


• Maxim Suchkov, “Russia's Plan for the Middle East” http://nationalinterest.org/feature/russias-plan-the-middle-east-14908

**Class 9. The Rise of Asia: Russian and American perspectives**

**Readings:**

• Aaron Friedberg, *A Contest for Supremacy: China, America, and the Struggle for Mastery in Asia*, introduction.


• Arthur Waldron, “There is no Thucydides Trap,” http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/there-is-no-thucydides-trap


• Timofey Bordachev, “Russia-China: An Alliance for Peace or War,” http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/book/Russia-China-An-Alliance-for-Peace-or-War-18783


**Class 10. Rules of the Global Economic Game**

**Readings:**

**Class 11. Hybrid Warfare and Information Security, Domestic Orders and Foreign Subversion**

Readings:

• Elena Chernenko, “Political Cyberwar on the Doorstep,” http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/number/Political-Cyberwar-on-the-Doorstep-18589
• Andrey Krutskikh, and Anatoly Streltsov. "International law and the problem of international information security." *International Affairs* 60.6. 2014: 64-76.

**Class 12. Russia and the U.S. in Regulating Global Commons**

Readings:


**Class 13. Final Discussion**