

Russian Foreign Policy: Interests, Ideologies, Decision-making

Tuesday-Thursday 11:05-12:20pm

Professor Chris Miller

This course will examine decision-making processes in Russian foreign policy. It will begin with two historical case studies to illustrate the complexity of Russian foreign policy decision making processes. Then, the course will turn to analyzing major players in the Russian foreign policy process: the security services, the military, the church, oligarchs, and freelancers. Finally, the course will conclude by applying these concepts to understand several recent important Russian foreign policy decisions.

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Tuesday, Jan 14

The Serbian Intervention of 1876

Readings:

Note: please read these documents in order

- Rostislav Fadeev, *Opinion on the Eastern Question*, ch. 9 (PDF on Google Books)
- Selected documents on the Serbian crisis
- David MacKenzie, *The Lion of Tashkent: The Career of General M. G. Cherniaev*, ch. 8-10.
- Michael Boro Petrovich, *The Emergence of Russian Pan Slavism, 1856-1870*, ch. 9.

Thursday, January 16

Current Trends in Russian Foreign Policy

Readings:

- The foreign policy concept of the Russian federation:
http://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/official_documents/-/asset_publisher/CptlCk6B6Z29/content/id/2542248
- Mankoff, *Russian Foreign Policy*, ch. 1-2.

Tuesday, January 21

No Class: Monday Class Schedule

Thursday, January 23

Guest Speaker: Ambassador James Warlick

Tuesday, January 28

The Security Services in Russian Foreign Policy

Readings:

- https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1780961057/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_bibl_vppi_i2
- [https://www.ecfr.eu/page/-/ECFR_169_-_INSIDE_RUSSIAs_INTELLIGENCE_SERVICES_\(WEB_AND_PRINT\)_2.pdf](https://www.ecfr.eu/page/-/ECFR_169_-_INSIDE_RUSSIAs_INTELLIGENCE_SERVICES_(WEB_AND_PRINT)_2.pdf)
- <https://www.nato.int/docu/review/2017/also-in-2017/russian-intelligence-political-war-security/EN/index.htm>
- <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/01/fsb-kgb-putin/513272/>
- Soldatov and Borogan, *The New Nobility: The Restoration of Russia's Security State and the Enduring Legacy of the KGB*, ch. 1-11, 16-end

Thursday, January 30

Oligarchs and Business Interests in Russian Foreign Policy

Readings:

- Weber chapter on 'Petropolitics' in Routledge Handbook on Russian Foreign Policy
- Mikhail Zygar, *All the Kremlin's Men*, ch 7-8, 11
- Chris Miller, *Putinomics: Power and Money in Resurgent Russia*, ch. 1-3.
- <https://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/default/files/publications/research/2017-05-02-eurasian-economic-union-dragneva-wolczuk.pdf>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/29/business/energy-environment/russia-venezuela-oil-rosneft.html>

Tuesday, February 4

Freelancers in Russian Foreign Policy

Readings:

- <https://www.ft.com/content/84481538-1103-11e4-94f3-00144feabdc0>
- <https://warontherocks.com/2018/07/the-puzzle-of-russian-behavior-in-deir-al-zour/>
- <https://meduza.io/en/feature/2016/06/13/evgeny-prigozhin-s-right-to-be-forgotten>
- Zygar, ch. 19.

Thursday, February 6

Ideologies: The Orthodox Church and 'Eurasianists'

Readings:

- http://www.transatlanticacademy.org/sites/default/files/publications/Curanovic_GuardiansTraditionalValues_Feb15_web.pdf
- Zygar, ch. 14
- Charles Clover, *Black Wind, White Snow*, ch. 11-15
- Snyder, *Road to Unfreedom*, p. 133-150

- Andrew and Mitrokhin, *The Sword and the Shield*, ch. 28.

Tuesday, February 11 The Military and Russian Foreign Policy

Readings:

- Routledge Handbook of Russian Foreign Policy, ch. 10.
- McDermott, "Does Russia Have a Gerasimov Doctrine?"
- Zygar, ch. 17

Thursday, February 13 First Joint meeting with MGIMO: Introductory Discussion

Tuesday, February 18 Guest Speaker: Bob Scher, Energy in US-Russian Relations

Thursday, February 20 No Class

Tuesday, February 25 Guest Speaker: Emily Holland, Energy in Russian Foreign Policy

Thursday, February 27 With MGIMO: European Security Discussion

Tuesday, March 3 Guest Speaker: Mark Voyger, 'Lawfare in Russian Foreign Policy'

Thursday, March 5 With MGIMO: European Security Presentations

Tuesday, March 10 tbd

Thursday, March 12 No Class [Transit to Russia]

March, 16-20 Policy Workshop in Moscow

Tuesday, March 24 Study Trip Debrief

Thursday, March 26 **With MGIMO: Middle East Discussion**

Tuesday, March 31 **Professor Istomin at Fletcher**

Thursday, April 2 **With MGIMO: Middle East Presentations**

Tuesday, April 7 **Case Study: The 2016 Montenegro Coup**

Readings:

- Bechev, *Rival Power*, ch. 1-2, skim 6-8.
- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/aug/12/ex-cia-officer-faces-arrest-over-alleged-montenegro-coup-plot>
- <https://www.fpri.org/article/2018/07/hanging-by-a-thread-russias-strategy-of-destabilization-in-montenegro/>
- <https://www.fpri.org/article/2018/04/the-2016-coup-attempt-in-montenegro-is-russias-balkans-footprint-expanding/>

Thursday, April 9 **With MGIMO: Strategic Stability Discussion**

Tuesday, April 14 **Case Study: Russia-Israel Relations**

Readings:

- <https://www.economist.com/business/2015/09/17/welcome-to-the-promised-land>
- <https://www.fpri.org/article/2018/06/moscow-on-the-mediterranean-russia-and-israels-relationship/>

Thursday, April 16 **Strategic Stability Presentations**

Tuesday, April 21 **Case Study: The Litvenenko Poisoning**

Readings:

- <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20160613090818/https://www.litvinenkoinquiry.org/files/2015/07/MPS-Closing-Statement.pdf>
- https://www.buzzfeed.com/heidiblake/from-russia-with-blood-14-suspected-hits-on-british-soil?utm_term=.lcVWAYKDg#.itkwBED79
- <http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6498/aa58a7/meta>
- Steven Lee Meyers, *The New Tsar*, ch 17.

- Andrew and Mitrokhin, *The Sword and the Shield*, ch. 22

Thursday, April 23 With MGIMO: Domestic Political Interference Discussion

Thursday, April 30 With MGIMO: Domestic Political Interference Presentations