ID7008  EU-Russia Relations

Module type  Optional (programme module)
Term / hours  Hilary / 22
ECTS  10
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Module description
This module aims to present students with a comprehensive analysis of the complexity of relations between the EU and Russia over the past 70 years. In addition, it will provide students with up-to-date information about recent developments in Russia’s foreign policy towards the EU, its revaluation of external security and its strengthening of military capabilities. The module will focus not only on EU-Russia relations but will also give students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the former Soviet Union countries which play a pivotal role in EU-Russia relations, particularly with regard to the implementation of the Eastern Partnership programme and the EU search for alternative energy suppliers to bypass Russia.

Assessment
The module is assessed through a 3,500-5,000-word essay (80%) and a 15-minute in-class presentation on the essay, followed by a 15-minute Q&A session (20%)

Indicative bibliography


Crampton, R. J., Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century (Routledge, 1995).


Gasteyger, Curt, Europe: From Division to Unification: A Documented Overview, 1945-2006 (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, 2006).

Haukkala, Hiski, The EU-Russia Strategic Partnership: The Limits of Post-Sovereignty in International Relations (Routledge, 2010).

Johnson, Debra, and Robinson, Paul, (eds.), Perspective on EU-Russian Relations (Europe and the Nation State) (Routledge, 2005).


Makarychev, Andrey, Russia and the EU in a Multipolar World. Discourses, Identities, Norms (Columbia UP, 2014).

**Learning outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

LO1 Discuss and evaluate the complexity of EU-Russia relations.

LO2 Examine and critically analyse the relevance and potential benefits from the implementation of key EU policies towards Russia and its neighbours.

LO3 Debate the challenges facing EU-Russia relations.

LO4 Assess the implications of any broader geo-political and socio-economic issues that Russia and the EU could encounter in the near future.
LO5  Research and present a paper and write an essay, identifying a research question, structuring an oral presentation, using visual aids as appropriate, structuring an analysis and discussion, responding critically to primary and secondary sources, and providing references as appropriate.

LO6  Research and present a paper, identifying a research question, structuring an oral presentation, using visual aids as appropriate, maintaining and sustaining relations with the listeners and providing an overview of sources.