

Advanced International Politics and Security in Russia and Eurasia

Final year module

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This module will examine a range of key issues in the international politics and security of Russia and Eurasia. The course comprises of six thematic blocks, beginning with a survey of the region since the collapse of the Soviet bloc and Cold War and post-Cold War theoretical approaches and current themes in international politics.

Other topics covered include: regional security organisations; Russia's relations with Europe, US and China; US and EU policy in Central Asia and the Caucasus; energy politics; state-building and political regimes; conflicts, new wars and non-traditional security issues. Each theme will be explored in relation to specific cases and events in Russia and Eurasia. The course concludes by returning to the theoretical approaches discussed at the start of the course to examine their utility in understanding and explaining political and security dynamics in the region.

Learning outcomes

By the end of this module, you (the student) are expected to be able to:

- Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of key issues in the international politics and security of Russia and Eurasia.
- Discuss and critically evaluate theoretical approaches to the analysis of international politics and security in Russia and Eurasia.
- Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of how theoretical approaches can be applied to the study of issues in the international politics and security of Russia and Eurasia
- Analyse specific empirical issues or case studies in a methodologically rigorous manner.

Assessment

- Term One/Two: Presentation (15%)
- Term Two: 1 x 3,000 assessed work (50%)
- Term Three: 2 hour examination (35%)