International Politics and Security in Russia and Eurasia

Second year module

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This module which will examine a range of key issues in the international politics and security of Russia and Eurasia. The module aims to equip students with a sound knowledge of international politics and security issues in Russia and Eurasia (broadly understood as the states in the South Caucasus and Central Asia, though reference will also be made to Eastern Europe). The module consists of seven thematic blocks, beginning with a survey of the region since the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union, focusing both on theoretical approaches and current international issues relevant to the region. These are:

- The end of the Cold War and the emergence of new political and security dynamics in the post-Soviet space
- New thinking on international relations in our region
- Regional security organisations and Russia's relations with Europe, the US and China
- US and European Union policy in the South Caucasus and Central Asia
- The political economy and energy politics in Russia and Eurasia
- State-building and political regimes
- Regional conflicts and emerging 'non-traditional' security issues

The module will be primarily delivered by its convenor, Dr Derek Averre, but occasional contributions will be made by guest lecturers with specialist knowledge of particular issues.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the year students will be able both to discuss and compare theoretical approaches to the analysis of international politics and security issues in Russia and Eurasia and to analyse specific issues relevant to recent and current events, thereby gaining an in-depth understanding of local contexts and realities.

Assessment

- **Term Two:** 1 essay x 2,000 word assessed work (50%)
- **Term Three:** 2 hour examination (50%)

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