



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2021-2022

COURSE TITLE

Russian Ideologies: The Last Two Centuries (from Pushkin and Karamzin to Dugin and Putin)

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COURSE TYPE

Optional Specialist Course

MAJOR(S)

EPAP, EUW, EUN, EHC

ECTS CREDITS

4

SEMESTER

2

TEACHING HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

1

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To develop understanding of cultural and historical background of contemporary political and social developments in Russia.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Ability to understand the cultural background of political developments in Russian history and in contemporary Russia.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Please consult the selected readings.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lecture plus assigned texts and movies (pre-recorded sessions online combined with interactive discussions and student presentations in class)

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

1. Take-home exam (75% of the final mark): students shall have 24 hours to write an essay of between 2000 and 3000 words (including footnotes, excluding title page and bibliography) on one of the four defined topics disclosed once the exam starts.
2. Presentation (25% of the final mark): individual or group presentation (depending on the total number of students attending the course), delivered in class on one of the defined topics distributed before the beginning of the course.

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Retake examinations, i.e., exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first exam session. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session. (art. 28 of the Specific Provisions).

COURSE CONTENTS

1. Holy Russia, the Third Rome and the West: “old Russian” ideological narratives (2 hours)
2. Alexander Pushkin and Nicholas Karamzin – the first „classics” of Russian imperialism (2 hours)
3. Mikhail Bakunin and Alexander Herzen – between “Russian socialism” and liberalism (2 hours)
4. Slavofilism, Panslavism, and Dostoevsky: early versions of the “Clash of Civilisations” (2 hours)
5. Russian Communism: from Lenin to Stalin – a short course (2 hours + 2 hours S. Eisenstein’s classical propaganda movies and discussion)
6. Eurasianism – original and reborn: from Nicholas Trubetzkoy to Alexander Dugin (2 hours)
7. Alexander Solzhenitsyn and the failure of Russian pro-Western orientation (2 hours)
8. Vladimir Putin and his imperial synthesis (2 hours + 2 hours contemporary Russian movies and their ideological content discussion)

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Readings of Russian sources (in English translation), Russian and Soviet propaganda films and music.