



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Transatlantic Security Dilemmas after the End of the Cold War: from NATO Enlargement to Russian Aggression against Ukraine

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

MICHTA Andrew

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COURSE TYPE

Contextual Course

MAJOR(S)

Not applicable

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

TEACHING HOURS

10

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To help students understand the key drivers of the transatlantic security system after the Cold War, with an emphasis on the evolving normative aspects, changes in NATO, and new regional security balances.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will be able to analyze the core assumptions that drove US and alliance policy post-Cold War as well as to understand the impact of seminal events over the past three decades that led to the ongoing war in Ukraine. The course will project forward various scenarios that may emerge from this system-transforming war.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Please read these two classic texts:

Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History," *The National Interest*, Summer 1989

Charles Krauthammer, "The Unipolar Moment," *Foreign Affairs*, vol 70, no. 1, 1990/91

TEACHING METHOD(S)

The course will combine lectures and seminar discussions, emphasizing maximum engagement from the student.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The course will be assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis through:

- an online multiple-choice closed-book test (80% of the mark) at the end of the final course session - 15 minutes to answer 7 questions, and
- overall attendance (20% of the mark).

The weighted average of both assessment elements needs to be equal or greater than 50% for a student to pass the course.

Each student is entitled to re-taking the test once. The re-take test would account for 80% of the mark whilst overall attendance would account for the remaining 20%.

Since contextual courses carry no ECTS credits, the final result will be present on the transcript, but will have no impact on students' final average, nor on overall grade, nor on attaining the diploma.

COURSE CONTENTS

The course is organized into five two-hour sessions:

1. The End of the Cold War and its Impact on the Global Balance of Power
2. NATO Enlargement and the Shock of 9/11
3. The Resurgence of Russia under Putin
4. The Landscape after Twenty Years of GWOT
5. A System-Transforming War: Russia's Second Invasion of Ukraine and Its Consequences

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

PPT slides will be available online. Readings that can't be accessed directly via URLs will be available in the library.