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ASSESSMENT: Out of 100 points, as follows:

- 1) Three short papers, 3-4 pages in length. Due Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 3. [15 points each]
- 2) Final research paper, outline due on Apr 13; 8-10 page paper due May 11. [30 points]
I will circulate a list of possible topics, or you can pick your own topic.
- 3) Occasional quizzes and class participation. [25 points]

All papers should be emailed to the professor as attached documents in Word format.

Everyone should follow current events in the post-Soviet states using the sources listed on p. 2.

READINGS

Basic texts for the course, which you should consider buying, are:

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| Stephen Kotkin | <i>Armageddon Averted: The Soviet Collapse</i> (2003) |
| Robert Service | <i>Russia: Experiment With a People</i> (2006) |
| Stephen White (ed.) | <i>Developments in Russian Politics 6</i> (sixth edition, 2005) |
| Richard Sakwa | <i>Putin: Russia's Choice</i> (2003) |

This book is out of print, but I have copies that I will lend you:

Hedrick Smith *The Russians* (1976). (NOT his later book *The New Russians*)

You might consider buying one of the oligarch books listed in week 7 by Freeland, Hoffman, etc.

All the articles and chapters listed are available on the Blackboard site for this class.

Many of the books listed on the syllabus are on reserve in Olin.

All readings marked with * are required, the others are strictly optional, for use when writing a paper, or if you feel you want more background on that topic.

Students must attend every class and complete the required reading. Failure to meet these requirements may lead to a radical reduction in final grade. Plagiarism i.e. using material not written by yourself, without "quotation marks" and without clear attribution to the source is not tolerated and will have dire consequences.

WEB SITES

www.themoscowtimes.com English-language daily, best one-stop source of news.

www.cdi.org/russia/johnson/ Johnson's List, a comprehensive daily bulletin on Russia.

Russian daily news and commentary sites (in English):

www.gazeta.ru/english/

www.itar-tass.com/eng/

www.russiaprofile.org/

<http://polit.ru/story/int.html>

<http://en.rian.ru/>

www1.russiatoday.ru/test/

Kremlin sponsored TV in English.

www.kremlin.ru/eng/

Presidential web site.

www.theotherussia.org/

Site of the Other Russia opposition group.

<http://www.russiaotherpointsofview.com/>

Criticism of US media coverage

Weekly analysis from Western think-tanks:

<http://www.carnegie.ru/en/>

Site of the leading think-tank in Moscow, the Carnegie Center

www.rferl.org

News and analysis covering the whole region from US-funded Radio Liberty.

www.jamestown.org/programs/edm/ *Eurasia Daily Monitor*: daily analysis from a DC think-tank.

www.cdi.org/russia

Center for Defense Information's Russia Weekly, good on security issues.

www.tol.cz

Transitions Online. Articles on the region, and archives from 1995.

www.eurasianet.org

for stories on Central Asia and the Caucasus.

www.cacianalyst.org

news and analysis on Central Asia and the Caucasus.

www.russiavotes.org

for data on election results and public opinion polls on major issues.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm

BBC news index of stories and timelines for each country.

For recent developments use the Freedom House Nations in Transit annual country reports:

<http://freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=17&year=2008> [Archive back to 2003]

www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/europe/easterneurope/russia/

archive of *Wash. Post* articles on Russia (and other countries) but only through 2005

<http://web.ku.edu/~herron/eurasia/russia.php> links to English and Russian language sites

PRINT PERIODICALS

that you may wish to consult for your term paper:

Europe/Asia Studies (formerly *Soviet Studies*) DK266.A2 S74

Post-Soviet Affairs (formerly *Soviet Economy*) HC335 .S588

Slavic Review D377.A1 A5

Communist and Post-Communist Studies HX1 .S74

Problems of Post-Communism HX1 .S74

All the articles on the syllabus are posted on Blackboard under "Course Documents" and can be printed. If you are not using Internet Explorer, you may have to open files in a different browser. With pdf files hit the printer icon within the Blackboard window (ie don't try to print using the tool bar). With Word files it is best to right click on the file in Blackboard and then "open in new window". You should be able to print from that window. If you are using a Mac, try not using a Mac.

Week 2
Jan 26

THE WEIGHT OF RUSSIAN HISTORY

Is there such a thing as “Russian political culture,” and if so what does it consist of?
How great an influence does the pre-1917 Russian past have on the present?
Does Russia’s history set it apart from the rest of Europe?

- * Richard Hellie ‘The structure of Russian imperial history,’ *History and Theory*
Dec. 2005, n. 44, 88-112
- * Robert Service *Russia: Experiment With a People*, part one
- * Stephen Kotkin ‘Stalinism as civilization,’ from D. Hoffman (ed.) *Stalinism*
- * Stephan Hedlund ‘Can they go back and fix it?’ (Hokkaido, 2002)

- John Keep *A History of the Soviet Union*
- Martin Malia *The Soviet Tragedy* chs. 1-9
- Stephen F. Cohen *Rethinking the Soviet Experience* ch. 4, ‘The Stalin question’

Weeks 2-3
Jan 28-Feb 2

THE SOVIET POLITICAL SYSTEM

How was the Soviet Union ruled? What was it like to live under the Soviet system? What was the nomenklatura? What role did the Communist Party play in Soviet society? Why was the USSR so stable in the 1960s and 1970s? What held the system together in the absence of the mass terror of the Stalin years?

- * Hedrick Smith *The Russians*, whole book but esp. chs 10-11

- John Keep *A History of the Soviet Union* parts 1-3
- Michael Roskin *The Rebirth of Eastern Europe* chs. 1-6
- Martin Malia *The Soviet Tragedy* ch. 10

- <http://kommunalka.colgate.edu/index.cfm> An anthropologist explores life in the Soviet-era communal apartment in which he grew up.

FIRST ASSIGNMENT due on February 4

Topic: The Soviet system

Write a 3-4 page paper on Hedrick Smith’s *The Russians*. How did the Soviet system work? How did Soviet citizens adapt to life within the system?

Don’t just summarize Smith’s observations. You should read the whole book, but in your essay you may want to focus in on a specific topic. What struck you as most interesting in Smith’s account? Did it confirm or refute your prior stereotypes of life in the “Evil Empire”? How does life in the USSR compare with life in other societies, such as the US? Is Smith’s reporting reliable?

Week 3-4
Feb 4-9

GORBACHEV'S GAMBLE

How did Gorbachev rise to power? What were Gorbachev's goals in introducing glasnost and perestroika? Why did he fail? Is Gorbachev a hero? a villain? a fool?

- * Stephen Kotkin *Armageddon Averted: The Soviet Collapse*
- * Peter Rutland 'The fall of the Soviet Union'
- * David Kotz & Fred Weir 'Why did the USSR fall?,' *Dollars and Sense*, July 1997
- * Stephen Cohen 'Was the Soviet system reformable?' *Slavic Review*, 63: 3, 2004

Michael Cox (ed) *Rethinking the Soviet Collapse*
Archie H. Brown *The Gorbachev Factor*
Michael Ellman & Vlad Kontorovich (eds) *The Destruction of the Soviet Economic System*
The National Interest *The Strange Death of Soviet Communism* (March 1993)

Week 4-5
Feb 11-18

THE RISE OF YELTSIN (1989-91)

Was Yeltsin the father of Russian democracy, or its gravedigger? What were Yeltsin's goals? What was the political coalition supporting him? Who launched the August 1991 coup, and why did it fail?

- * Stephen Kotkin *Armageddon Averted: The Soviet Collapse*
- John Dunlop *The Rise of Russia and the Fall of the Soviet Union* chs. 2-5
- Boris Yeltsin *The Struggle for Russia* chs. 1-5
- Lilia Shevtsova *Yeltsin's Russia: Myths and Reality* chs 1-3
- Leon Aron *Yeltsin: A Revolutionary Life* (Yeltsin GOOD)
- Peter Reddaway *The Tragedy of Russia's Reforms* (Yeltsin BAAD)

Week 6
Feb 23

SHOCK THERAPY

Why was shock therapy launched in 1992? Was there any alternative to that radical reform package? Who benefited from those reforms?

- * Peter Murrell 'What is shock therapy? What did it do in Poland and Russia?'
Post-Soviet Affairs, April-June 1993.
- * Peter Rutland 'The challenge of economic transition'
- David Kotz & F. Weir *Revolution from Above: the Demise of the Soviet System* chs. 9-12
- Anders Aslund *How Russia Became a Market Economy*
- Anders Aslund *Russia's Capitalist Revolution*
- Marshall Goldman *Lost Opportunity. What Has Made Economic Reform in Russia So Difficult?*

Week 6
Feb 25

YELTSIN CONSOLIDATES HIS RULE (1992-94)

In October 1993 Yeltsin suppressed a rebellion by the parliament and introduced a new constitution that consolidated presidential rule. Why did the democratic movement fail to replace the Soviet system with a truly democratic political order?

- * Robert Service *Russia: Experiment With a People*, part two
- * Peter Rutland 'Has democracy failed Russia?,' *National Interest* (Dec. 1994)
- Stephen Fish *Democracy Derailed in Russia*
- Boris Yeltsin *The Struggle for Russia* chs. 7-9
- Zoltan Barany (ed) *Russian Politics: Challenges of Democratization* chs. 1-3
- Geoffrey Evans & Stephen Whitefield 'The evolution of left and right in post-Soviet Russia', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 50: 6, Sept 1998, 1023-42
- Alfred Stepan 'Russian federalism in comparative perspective,' *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 16:2, 2000, 133-176

Week 7
Mar 2

THE RISE OF THE OLIGARCHS

Why did power shift into the hands of a new oligarchic elite? What was the basis of Yeltsin's power? How did he win the 1996 election? Why did the economy crash in August 1998?

- * Joseph Stiglitz 'What I learned at the world economic crisis,' *New Republic* 17 May 2000
- * Joel Hellman 'Winners take all: the politics of partial reform' *World Politics*, Jan. 1998, 50: 2
- Peter Rutland 'Mission Impossible? The IMF and the failure of market transition in Russia,' *Rev. of International Studies*, n. 25, 1999
- Lilia Shevtsova *Yeltsin's Russia: Myths and Reality* chs. 6-9
- Chrystia Freeland *Sale of the Century*
- David Hoffman *The Oligarchs: Wealth and Power in the New Russia*
- Marshall Goldman *The Privatization of Russia*
- Rose Brady *Kapitalizm: Russia's Struggle to Free its Economy*
- Paul Klebnikov *Godfather of the Kremlin: Berezovsky and the Looting of Russia*

Week 7
Mar 4

THE MAFIA

Why did organized crime and bureaucratic corruption rise so rapidly in Russia? Can the state do anything to get either of these evils under control?

- * Vadim Volkov 'Violent entrepreneurship in post-Communist Russia,' *Europe-Asia Studies*, 51: 5 (July 1999) 741-54
- * Peter Rutland 'Crime and corruption' *The Russian Mafia*
- Federico Varese *Comrade Criminal: the Rise of the Russian Mafiya*
- Stephen Handelman *Building the Russian State* chs. 4, 9
- Valerie Sperling *Russia's Economy of Favors*
- Alena Ledanova

SECOND ASSIGNMENT due on March 4

Topic: 'Democracy in Russia'

a) Was it realistic to expect to see democracy take root in Russia? What were the main factors impeding the spread of democracy? (3-4 pages).

OR

b) Was shock therapy as mistake? (3-4 pages).

Mar 9-20

SPRING BREAK

Week 8

THE BIRTH OF THE NEW STATES

Mar 23-25

How did the Soviet state break up into 15 separate states? How were its economic and military assets divided? Where did wars break out, and why? What were the common challenges the new states faced? Who held power in the new states, and what sorts of political regimes emerged? What was the fate of the Russian diaspora? Where did this leave Russian identity? In weeks 8-9 we will focus on the period 1990-2000.

- * Peter Rutland 'From USSR to CIS'
- * Pal Kolsto 'Nation-building in the former USSR,' *Journal of Democracy*, 7: 1, 1996
- * Gerry Easter 'Preference for presidentialism: Post-communist regime change,' *World Politics*, 49: 2, Jan 1997
- Vera Tolz 'Forging the Nation: National identity and nation-building in post-communist Russia,' *Europe-Asia Studies*, 50: 6, 993-1022
- Valery Tishkov 'Consolidating civic nationalism in Russia,' *Foresight*, 19 Jun 08
- Charles King 'The benefits of ethnic war: Understanding Eurasia's un-recognized states,' *World Politics*, 53: 4, Jul 2001, 524-52
- Svante Cornell 'Autonomy as a source of conflict. Caucasian conflicts in theoretical perspective,' *World Politics*, 54: 2, Jan 2002, 245-76
- Graham Smith (ed.) *The Nationalities Question in the Post-Soviet States From*
- Gail Lapidus *Union to Commonwealth*
- Ian Bremmer & Ray Taras (eds) *Nations and Politics in the Soviet Successor States*
- Graham Smith (ed) *The Nationalities Question in the Post-Soviet states*
- Roman Szporluk (ed) *National Identity in Russia and the New States of Eurasia*
- Igor Zevelov *Russia and Its New Diasporas*

Week 9

THE NORTHERN ZONE

Mar 30

How was national identity constructed in Belarus and Ukraine after the Soviet collapse? Why did Ukraine turn out to be *more* democratic than Russia – and Belarus *less* democratic? What's the deal in Moldova?

- * Keith Darden 'Blackmail as a tool of state domination: Ukraine under Kuchma,' *East European Constitutional Review*, spring 2001
- * Lucan Way 'Authoritarian state building and the sources of regime competitiveness,' *World Politics*, 57: 1, Jan. 2005, 231-61
- Steven Levitsky 'The rise of competitive authoritarianism,' *Journal of Democracy*, 13: 2, Apr 2002
- & Lucan Way *Continued overleaf...*

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| Adrian Karatnycky | 'Ukraine at the crossroads,' <i>Journal of Democracy</i> , 6: 1, Jan 1995, 117-30 |
| Bohdan Krawchenko | 'Ukraine: the politics of independence', in Ian Bremmer & Ray Taras (ed) <i>Nations and Politics in Soviet Successor States</i> , 75-98 |
| Dominique Arel | 'A lurking cascade of assimilation in Kiev?' <i>Post-Soviet Affairs</i> , 12: 1, Jan-March 1996, 73-90 |
| David Marples | 'Europe's last dictatorship: the roots of authoritarianism in "White Russia,"' <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i> , 57: 6, Sept. 2005 |
| Peter Rutland | 'Belarus: The last dictator,' <i>Analysis</i> , 2: 4, Dec 2006, 59-70 |
| David Laitin | <i>Identity in Formation: Russian-Speaking Populations in the Near Abroad</i> |
| Andrew Wilson | <i>The Ukrainians. Unexpected Nation</i> |
| Paul D'Anieri et al | <i>Politics and Society in Ukraine</i> |

Week 9
Apr 1

THE SOUTHERN ZONE

How did the newly-independent states of the Caucasus and Central Asia cope with independence? How successful have they been in embracing market reform and using their natural resources? Why does oil always seem to bring dictatorship? Why no solution for the frozen conflicts of the Caucasus?

- * Stephen Kotkin 'Trashcanistan. A tour through the wreckage of the Soviet Empire,' *New Republic*, 4 April 2002
- * Charles Fairbanks 'Disillusionment in the Caucasus and Central Asia,' *Journal of Democracy*, 12: 4, Oct 2001
- * Pauline Luong Jones & Erika Weinthal 'Prelude to the resource curse. Explaining oil and gas development in the Soviet successor states,' *Comparative Political Studies*, 34: 4, 2001
- * Kathleen Collins 'Clans politics in Central Asia' *J. of Democracy*, 13: 3, 2002
- Cullen Murphy 'Get in touch with your inner Turkmenbashi,' *Atlantic*, Nov 02
- Oksan Bayulgen 'Foreign capital,' *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 38: 1, Mar 2005
- Dmitri Trenin *The End of Eurasia*
- Pauline Luong Jones *The Transformation of Central Asia*
- Martha Olcott *Central Asia's Second Chance*
- Karen Dawisha (ed) *Conflict, Cleavage and Change in Central Asia and the Caucasus*
- Daniel L. Burghart & Theresa Sabonis-Helf *In the Tracks of Tamerlane. Central Asia's Path to the 21st Century*: online at <http://www.ndu.edu/ctnsp/tamerlane.htm>

THIRD ASSIGNMENT due on Friday April 3

Topic: Birth of a Nation

Write a 3-4 page paper on **one** of the newly independent states. Briefly summarize its key features, including ethnic make-up and political regime. Then select **one** challenge that the new state faced, and assess how it went about tackling it.

For information on your country use the websites listed on p.2 and readings listed in weeks 8-9.

Week 10
Apr 6

THE CHECHEN WARS

Why did Chechnya try to secede from the Russian Federation? Why did Yeltsin invade Chechnya in December 1994, and why did the Russians lose the first war? Why did the second war break out in 1999? How did Putin win the war?

- * Peter Rutland 'The war in Chechnya'
- * Rajan Menon & Graham Fuller 'Russia's ruinous Chechen war,' *Foreign Affairs*, 79: 2, Mar 2000
- * Mark Kramer 'The perils of counter-insurgency: Russia's war in Chechnya,' *International Security*, 29: 3, 2004

- Pavel Felgengauer 'A war Moscow cannot afford to lose,' *Transition*, n. 31, May 96
- Anatol Lieven *Chechnya: Tombstone of Russian Power*
- Carlotta Gall & Thomas de Waal *Chechnya: Calamity in the Caucasus*
- Matthew Evangelista *The Chechen Wars*
- John Dunlop *Russia Confronts Chechnya* (history prior to the war)
- Sebastian Smith *Allah's Mountains: the Battle for Chechnya*
- www.kavkazcenter.com Chechen rebel web-site
- <http://eng.kavkaz.memo.ru/> *Caucasian Knot* website.

Week 10
Apr 8

FROM YELTSIN TO PUTIN

Yeltsin resigned on 31 December 1999 and handed power to Vladimir Putin. Where did Putin come from, and what were his goals? What did he achieve in his first two years? Topics include his cult of personality; limits on media freedom; and the construction of an administrative 'power vertical.'

- * Richard Sakwa *Putin: Russia's Choice* chs. 1-6
- * Stephen White (ed) *Developments in Russian Politics* 6, chs. 1-10
- * Peter Rutland 'Putin's path to power,' *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 16: 4, Dec. 2000
- * Vladimir Putin *First Person* (interviews with Putin) excerpted on the web at: www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/yeltsin/putin/

- Marshall Goldman 'Putin and the oligarchs,' *Foreign Affairs*, 83: 6, Nov. 2004
- Andrew Jack *Inside Putin's Russia*
- Peter Baker *Kremlin Rising*
- Lilia Shevtsova *Putin's Russia* chs. 1-8
- Cameron Ross 'Putin's federal reforms,' *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 36: 1, 2003, 29-47

- Stephen White 'Putin and his supporters,' *Europe-Asia Studies*, 55: 3, 2003
- Timothy Colton & Michael McFaul 'Are Russians undemocratic?' *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 18: 2, 2002, 91-121

April 13

Outline for final paper is due.

The outline should be 1-2 pages long, and include the main thesis, some outline of the arguments to be raised, and a preliminary biography. I will circulate a list of possible topics; you can also pick your own topic.

Week 11
Apr 13

PUTIN'S AUTHORITARIAN SHIFT

Why and how did Putin move towards a more authoritarian system? Topics include: the arrest of Mikhail Khodorkovsky in 2003; the tight grip of the United Russia party over the State Duma; the rise of the siloviki; the abolition of elected governors; and the concept of 'managed democracy.' How did Putin deal with the problem that his second and final term as president would end in 2008?

- * Richard Sakwa *Putin: Russia's Choice* chs. 6-8
- * Stephen White (ed) *Developments in Russian Politics* 6, chs. 1-10
- * Pavel Baev 'The evolution of Putin's regime' *Problems of Post-Communism*, 51: 6, Dec. 2004
- Michael McFaul 'Liberal is as liberal does,' *American Interest*, May 2007
- Stephen Sestanovich 'Force, money and pluralism,' *Journ. of Democracy*, 15: 3, 2004
- Daniel Treisman 'Putin's silovarchs,' *Orbis*, 51: 1, winter 2007
- Andrei Shleifer & Dan Treisman 'A normal country,' *Foreign Affairs*, 83: 2, Mar 2004
- Robert W. Ortung 'Russia,' Freedom House report, 2005 on web:
<http://freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=47&nit=366&year=2005>
- Michael McFaul et al (eds) *Between Dictatorship and Democracy. Russian Post-Communist Political Reform*
- Allen C. Lynch *How Russia is Not Ruled.*
- Lilia Shevtsova *Putin's Russia* chs. 9-13
- Marshall Goldman 'Putin and the oligarchs,' *Foreign Affairs*, v. 83, n. 6, Nov. 2004
- Henry Hale 'Why not parties? Electoral markets and stalled democratization in Russia,' *Comparative Politics*, 37: 2, Jan. 2005
- Anders Aslund 'Putin's decline and America's response,' Carnegie brief Aug.05
- Thomas Remington 'Patronage & the party of power: President-parliament relations under Putin,' *Europe-Asia Studies*, 60: 6, Aug 2008, 959-987

Week 11
Apr 15

PUTIN'S ECONOMIC STRATEGY

The sustainability of Russia's oil-driven export boom, and the feasibility of 'Putin's plan' for Russia's future growth. The impact of the 2008 financial crisis. And a quick look at Russia's social profile: rising inequality, gender relations, demographic trends, the health crisis.

- * Stephen White (ed) *Developments in Russian Politics* 6, chs. 11-12
- * Peter Rutland 'Putin's economic record,' *Europe-Asia Studies*, 60: 6 Aug 08
- * Anders Aslund 'Putin's economic legacy,' *Russian Analytical Digest*, 4 Mar 08
- * Nichols Eberstadt 'Rising Ambitions, Sinking Population,' *NY Times*, 25 Oct 2008
- Peter Rutland 'Russia and the financial crisis,' *Russian Analytical Digest*, 48, 17 Oct 2008
- & Vladimir Popov *Back to the future*, The Russia Papers, no. 6, CERI, Paris, 2008
- William Tompson 'Russia's economic transformation under Putin,' *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, v. 45, 2004, 397-420
- Anders Aslund 'Autopsy on an Empire: Understanding mortality in Russia and the FSU,' *Jour. of Economic Perspectives*, 19: 1, 2005, 107-30
- Elizabeth Brainerd and David Cutler 'Russia's demographic decline and the public reaction,' *Europe-Asia Studies* 57, 7, Nov 2005, 951-968.
- Vladimir Shlapentokh

Week 12
Apr 20-22

THE ORANGE REVOLUTIONS

While authoritarianism was strengthening in Russia, a wave of revolutions swept Georgia (2003), Ukraine (2004), and Kyrgyzstan (2005). Do they represent a breakthrough to genuine democracy? Why did color revolutions not take place in Uzbekistan and Belarus?

- * Charles Fairbanks 'Georgia's rose revolution,' *Jour. of Democracy*, 15:2, Apr 2004
- * Adrian Karatnycky 'Ukraine's orange revolution,' *Foreign Affairs*, 84: 2, Mar 2005
- * Martha Brill Olcott 'Lessons of the tulip revolution,' Testimony before Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 7 Apr 2005
- * Graeme Herd 'Colorful revolutions and the CIS,' *Problems of Post-Communism*, 52: 2, Mar 2005
- Anders Aslund & Michael Mcfaul (eds) *Revolution in Orange: Ukraine's Breakthrough*
- David Marples 'Color revolutions: The Belarus Case,' *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 39: 3 Sept 2006, 351-64
- Roza Otunbayeva 'Kyrgyzstan's tulip revolution,' *Demokratizatsiya* 13, 4 fall 2005, 483-489
- Iurie Rosca 'Moldova's orange evolution,' *Demokratizatsiya* 13, 4, Fall 2005, 537-542
- David Lane 'The Orange Revolution: 'People's revolution' or revolutionary coup?,' *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, Oct 2008, 525-549

Week 13
Apr 27-29

RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY

What are Russia's main foreign policy concerns? Can Russia cling to its status as a world power? The causes and consequences of the 2008 war in Georgia and the ongoing gas wars with Ukraine.

- * Richard Sakwa *Putin: Russia's Choice*, chs. 7, 9
- * Peter Rutland 'Russian foreign policy'
- * Margot Light 'Foreign policy,' in Stephen White (ed.), *Developments in Russian Politics* 6, ch. 13.
- Allen Lynch 'The realism of Russia's foreign policy,' *Europe-Asia Studies*, 53: 1, 2001
- Mark Katz 'Exploiting rivalries: Russia's foreign policy,' *Problems in Post-Communism*, 52: 3, May 2005
- Tatyana Shakleyina & Aleksei Bogaturov 'The Russian realist school,' *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 37: 1, Mar. 2004
- 'Foreign Policy Concept of the Russian Federation' (2000)
http://www.ciaonet.org/olj/iarj/iarj_00_05a.html
- Bobo Lo *Vladimir Putin and the Evolution of Russian Foreign Policy*
- Martha Olcott et al *Getting it Wrong: Regional Cooperation in the CIS*
- Ted Hopf (ed) *Understanding Russian Foreign Policy*
- Edward Lucas *The New Cold War. Putin's Russia and the Threat to the West*

May 4

FINAL MEETING

A review of recent developments: the shift from Putin to Medvedev, and a discussion of what the future holds for Russia.

- * Andrei Ryabov 'How Russia works,' *Russian Analytical Digest*, 49, 5 Nov 2008
- * Michael McFaul & Kathryn Stoner-Weiss 'The myth of the authoritarian model. How Putin's crackdown holds Russia back,' *Foreign Affairs*, Jan/Feb 2008
- * Robert Orttung 'Nations in Transit Report: Russia 2008,' Freedom House, 2008
- * Victor Yasmann & Donald Jensen 'Putin's Choice: A Profile of Dmitrii Medvedev, RFE/RL, 23 March 2008
- Dmitri Trenin 'The legacy of Vladimir Putin,' *Current History*, Oct 2007
- Richard Sakwa 'Putin's leadership: character and consequences,' *Europe-Asia Studies*, 60: 6, 2008, 879-97
- Leon Aron 'Was liberty really bad for Russia?,' AEI, fall 2007
- Joris Van Bladdel 'The dual structure and mentality of Vladimir Putin's power coalition,' Swedish Defense Research Agency, May 2008.

May 11

Final research paper due

8-10 pages in length, including notes, the paper should be sent by email to: prutland@wesleyan.edu by 4.00 pm on May 11.