

# BACK TO THE FUTURE?

## EASTERN EUROPE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Second Semester 2013-14

Tuesdays 15-18.15

Room 1222, Palace of Culture and Science

This MA-level course is team-taught by experts from the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Collegium Civitas and the Polish Institute for International Affairs (PISM). 'Back to the Future? - Eastern Europe in the 21st Century' will analyse a range of contemporary issues and themes relating to Eastern Europe and the post-Soviet Area more broadly. The main states under study will be Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, the South Caucasus states and Russia. By following the course students will gain insights into some of the changing political, social and economic contexts and trends of the states of the region, including their international and regional relations. The course will address such issues as post-communist transitions in the region, democracy and governance, the EU's role, energy, regional instabilities and rivalries, geopolitics and foreign policy. By completing the course students will gain a deep understanding of the states of Eastern Europe and will be able to analyse and explain the processes of change that are shaping this complex and fascinating region. The course is assessed by a 3000-word academic essay.

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## Teaching Plan

DATE	SUBJECT	LECTURER
11 March	(Part One) Introduction to Eastern Europe; History; Fall of USSR and its consequences in the 1990s and beyond (Part Two) Current situation in Ukraine – why and what next?	Piotr Kościński (Head of Eastern and South Eastern Europe Programme, PISM)
18 March	Energy Issues in the Former Soviet Space	Dominik Smyrgala (Adjunct Professor, Collegium Civitas)
1 April	Belarus – the Last Dictatorship in Europe?	Anna Dynar (Specialist, Eastern and South Eastern Europe Programme, PISM)
15 April	Russian Foreign and Security Policy in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century: Options and Choices	Jakub Godzimirski (Research Professor, NUPI)
29 April	The European Union and the Eastern Neighbourhood	Pernilla Rieker (Senior Research Fellow, NUPI)
13 May	Freedom or stability? The state of democracy and civil society development in Eastern Partnership countries: major factors, problems and current evolution.	Ela Kaca (Specialist in European Union Programme, PISM)
27 May	Frozen Conflicts in the Region. Case Study: Armenian-Azerbaijani-Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.	Konrad Zasztowt (Analyst Eastern and South Eastern Europe Programme, PISM)
10 June	Back to the Future? – 2014 as a Vantage Point	Kerry Longhurst (Jean Monnet Professor, Collegium Civitas)