

CONFLICT AND COOPERATION IN THE POST SOVIET SPACE

Part of CC, PISM, NUPI Project

Fall semester 2014/15 - Hour: 15-18:15 (four hour session), room 1023 in PKiN

The course is designed for students with an interest in matters relating to the area known as the 'Post-Soviet Space'. The course is team-taught by academics from PISM, CC and NUPI, it is part of a research project funded by the Norwegian / EEA grant scheme. Students will receive expert tuition from a range of lecturers with expertise as academics and think-tankers. In this sense, they will gain valuable insights from quite different perspectives and through contrasting teaching methods and viewpoints. The overall aim is to stimulate students' understanding of the region through an interdisciplinary lens by looking at the politics, economics and security-related dynamics at play in the countries that were once part of the USSR. Particular emphasis is placed upon patterns of conflict and cooperation in the region and the role played by the 'big' actors, including the European Union and Russia. Given the topicality of the subject matter by the end of the course students will have a thorough understanding of the drivers of conflict and cooperation across the region, especially regarding the Ukraine crisis, energy issues, the foreign policies of the EU and Russia and so on.

Teaching Plan

	hours		
7 October	4 x 45	Ukraine's Future	Ievgen Vorobiov (PISM)
21 October	4 x 45	Russian Foreign Policy	Jakub Godzimirski (NUPI)
4 November	4 x 45	Energy Issues in the CIS area	Zuzanna Nowak (PISM)
18 November	4 x 45	A Case Study on Georgia – Transitions, Democratisation and Europeanisation	Agnieszka Cianciara (ISP-PAN and Collegium Civitas)
2 December	4 x 45	The military balance; role of nuclear weapons in international politics; future of NATO – vis a vis Russia and Eastern European Security	Jacek Durkalec (PISM)
16 December	4 x 45	South Caucasus and Central Asia – Transition Paths since Independence and Regional Relations	Konrad Zasztowt (PISM)
13 January	4 x 45	The 2014 Russia-Ukraine Crisis – various readings and impacts	Jakub Godzimirski (NUPI)

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