

PSC 5550-226: Problems in International Relations: Russian Politics in Comparative Perspective

Course Description:

This course provides a graduate-level introduction to important substantive and theoretical issues in the comparative study of Russian politics. The course is designed for students with no prior exposure to Russian politics. The readings and seminar discussions will focus on developing a substantive understanding of contemporary Russian politics while establishing its broader theoretical relevance in comparison to other regimes in the post-Soviet and post-communist world.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:

Dates: October 17-22, 2017

Location: Stuttgart, Germany. See site director for classroom location.

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 6:00-9:30 pm; Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: September 18, 2017

Site Director:

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:

Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK, and can be ordered online, by phone, by email, or by fax. Ordering online at <http://www.bkstr.com/oklahomastore/home> is strongly recommended – students can track the status of their order within 48 hours. If an order has not been shipped within three days, students can contact the Follett textbook manager by phone (405) 325-3511, (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or email 0831mgr@fhg.follett.com. Phone orders (ask for the textbook manager and identify yourself as an Advanced Programs student) can be placed 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 4p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). Fax orders can be placed 24 hours a day at (405) 325-7770. Text prices are available online.

1. Kotkin, S. (2008). *Armageddon averted: The Soviet collapse, 1970-2000* (2nd ed.). New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780195368635.
2. Kolstø, P. & Blakkisrud, H. (Eds) (2016). *The New Russian nationalism: Imperialism, ethnicity and authoritarianism 2000-2015*. Edinburgh University Press. ISBN 9781474410427 (open access: <https://open.org/download?type=document&docid=605858>)
3. Gel'man, V. (2105). *Authoritarian Russia: Analyzing Post-Soviet regime changes*. PA: University of Pittsburgh Press. ISBN 9780822963684.

4. Materials posted on the OU Canvas learning management system: Access Canvas at <https://oklahoma.instructure.com/>, enter your OU NetID and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Note: Follett is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through Follett.

Course Objectives:

This course combines lecture and discussion. It aims to facilitate students' ability to understand and analyze key dimensions of contemporary Russian politics.

Course Outline:

1. Collapse of the Soviet Union
2. Russia's Authoritarian Turn
3. From Market Transition to Petrostate
4. Civil Society and Nationalism
5. Electoral Politics and Authoritarian Stability
6. Foreign Policy Challenges

Course Schedule

1. Collapse of the Soviet Union
 - a. Kotkin, *Armageddon Averted* (Ch.s 1-4)
 - b. Dallin, Alexander. "Causes of the Collapse of the USSR." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 8, no. 4 (1992): 271-78.
 - c. Bunce, Valerie. "Subversive Institutions: The End of the Soviet State in Comparative Perspective." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 14, no. 4 (1998): 323-54.
 - d. Brown, Archie. "Transnational Influences in the Transition from Communism." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 16, no. 2 (2000): 177-200.
2. Russia's Authoritarian Turn
 - a. Gel'man, *Authoritarian Russia* (Ch.s 1-2)
 - b. Kryshchanovskaya, Ol'ga, and Stephen White. "The Sovietization of Russian Politics." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 25, no. 4 (2009): 283-309. doi:10.2747/1060-586X.24.4.283.
 - c. Lukin, Alexander. "Russia's New Authoritarianism and the Post-Soviet Political Ideal." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 25, no. 1 (2009): 66-92.
 - d. Hale, Henry E. "Eurasian Politics as Hybrid Regimes: The Case of Putin's Russia." *Journal of Eurasian Studies* 1, no. 1 (2010): 33-41. doi:10.1016/j.euras.2009.11.001.
 - e. Petrov, Nikolay, Maria Lipman, and Henry E. Hale. "Three Dilemmas of Hybrid Regime Governance: Russia from Putin to Putin." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 30, no. 1 (2014): 1-26. doi:10.1080/1060586X.2013.825140.
3. From Market Transition to Petrostate
 - a. Market Transition
 - i. Kotkin, *Armageddon Averted* (Ch. 5) - skim
 - ii. Hellman, Joel S. "Winners Take All: The Politics of Partial Reform in Postcommunist Transitions." *World Politics* 50, no. 2 (1998): 203-34.
 - b. Petrostate
 - i. Goldman, *Petrostate* (Ch.s 5-7, pp.93-209)
 - ii. Kolsto & Blakkisrud, *The New Russian Nationalism* (Ch. 12)
 - iii. Connolly, Richard. "The Empire Strikes Back: Economic Statecraft and the Securitisation of Political Economy in Russia." *Europe-Asia Studies* 68, no. 4 (2016): 750-73. doi:10.1080/09668136.2016.1156056.

4. Civil Society and Nationalism
 - a. Civil Society
 - i. Henderson, Sarah L. "Civil Society in Russia." *Problems of Post-Communism* 58, no. 3 (2011): 11-27.
 - ii. Hemment, Julie. "Nashi, Youth Voluntarism, and Potemkin NGOs: Making Sense of Civil Society in Post-Soviet Russia." *Slavic Review* 71 (2012): 234–60.
 - iii. Gilbert, Leah. "Crowding Out Civil Society: State Management of Social Organisations in Putin's Russia." *Europe-Asia Studies* 68, no. 9 (2016): 1553–78. doi:10.1080/09668136.2016.1250250.
 - b. Nationalism
 - i. Kolsto & Blakkisrud, *The New Russian Nationalism* (Ch.s 1, 2 (skim), 3, 5, 8-9)
5. Electoral Politics and Authoritarian Stability
 - a. Gel'man, *Authoritarian Russia* (Ch.s 3-5; 6 – skim)
 - b. Colton, Timothy J., and Henry E. Hale. "Putin's Uneasy Return and Hybrid Regime Stability." *Problems of Post-Communism* 61, no. 2 (2014): 3–22. doi:10.2753/PPC1075-8216610201.
 - c. Smyth, Regina, Anton Sobolev, and Irina Soboleva. "A Well-Organized Play: Symbolic Politics and the Effect of the Pro-Putin Rallies." *Problems of Post-Communism* 60, no. 2 (April 2013): 24–39. doi:10.2753/PPC1075-8216600203.
 - d. Smyth, Regina, and Irina V. Soboleva. "Navalny's Gamesters: Protest, Opposition Innovation, and Authoritarian Stability in Russia." *Russian Politics* 1, no. 4 (2016): 347–71. doi:10.1163/2451-8921-00104002.
 - e. Reuter, Ora John. "2016 State Duma Elections: United Russia after 15 Years." *Russian Analytical Digest*, no. 189 (29 September 2016): 2-6. (skim)
6. Foreign Policy Challenges
 - a. Ukraine
 - i. Tsygankov, Andrei. "Vladimir Putin's Last Stand: The Sources of Russia's Ukraine Policy." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 31, no. 4 (2015): 279–303. doi:10.1080/1060586X.2015.1005903.
 - ii. Bunce, Valerie, and Aida Hozic. "Diffusion-Proofing and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine." *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 24, no. 4 (2016): 435–55.
 - iii. Kolsto & Blakkisrud, *The New Russian Nationalism* (Ch.s 6-7, 10)
 - b. Syria
 - i. Russia and the Conflict in Syria. *Russian Analytical Digest* no. 175 (16 November 2015).
 - ii. Renz, Bettina. "Russia's Modernized Military: Lessons from Crimea and Syria." *Russian Analytical Digest*, no. 196 (23 December 2016): 9-13.
 - c. US-Russia
 - i. Russia and the US Election. *Russian Analytical Digest* no. 194 (9 December 2016).

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

Material for each session should be read prior to class meetings. Materials should be read in the order listed. Students are encouraged to start reading early. In addition to the readings and seminar participation (20%), there are three written assignments for this course: two short essays (20% each) and one long essay (40%).

1. The first assignment will be a short essay (~1200 words) comparing the different explanations for the collapse of the USSR in the readings by Dallin, Bunce, and Brown and considering their implications for whether post-Soviet Russia would become democratic or authoritarian. Please note: The first assignment is due one week prior to the start of the first class.
2. The second assignment will be a short essay (~1200 words) to be submitted during the week of class. The essay should identify the main arguments of select readings (two or three articles) and

raise issues to be discussed in class. The readings will be allocated once enrollment is set and assignments will be made before the start of class meetings. Each essay will be due prior to the start of class for the assigned day, though you may start work on them in advance.

3. The third assignment will be a long essay (~3000 words) that will be due two weeks after the end of class. Substantial research beyond the course materials is required. The topic will be set on the last day of the seminar.

Grading:

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

Assignment	Due Date	Weight
Class Participation	Daily	20%
First Short Essay	One week prior to class	20%
Second Short Essay	Before class on assigned day	20%
Long Essay	Two weeks after class, November 5, 2017	40%

Notice: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.

POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution's policy regarding "I" (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any "I" (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on "financial aid probation." If the "I" grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student's Financial Aid may be suspended making the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades exist to show how fully this goal is attained. Therefore all work and all grades should result from the student's own understanding and effort.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student's academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes misconduct. Academic misconduct includes: cheating and using unauthorized materials on examinations and other assignments; improper collaboration, submitting the same assignment for different classes (self-plagiarism); fabrication, forgery, alteration of documents, lying, etc...in order to obtain an academic advantage; assisting others in academic misconduct; attempting to commit academic misconduct; destruction of property, hacking, etc...; intimidation and interference with integrity process; and plagiarism. All students should review the Student's Guide to Academic Integrity at http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. All students should review policies regarding student conduct at <http://studentconduct.ou.edu/>

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Adjustment for Pregnancy/Childbirth-Related Issues

Should you need modifications or adjustments to your course requirements because of documented pregnancy-related or childbirth-related issues, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss. Generally, modifications will be made where medically necessary and similar in scope to accommodations based on temporary disability. Please see <http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo/faqs/pregnancy-faqs.html>.

Title IX Resources

For any concerns regarding gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, stalking, or intimate partner violence, the University offers a variety of resources, including advocates on-call 24/7, counseling services, mutual no-contact orders, scheduling adjustments, and disciplinary sanctions against the perpetrator. Please contact the Sexual Misconduct Office at smo@ou.edu or (405) 325-2215 (8-5), or the Sexual Assault Response Team at (405) 615 -0013 (24/7) to report an incident. To learn more about Title IX, please visit the Institutional Equity Office's website at <http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo.html>

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

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Dr. Paul Goode

Education

- 2005 D.Phil., Politics, University of Oxford
- 1999 MA, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1997 M.Phil., Russian and East European Studies, University of Oxford
- 1995 BA, Plan II, University of Texas-Austin

Current Positions

Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) and Deputy Head of Department, Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath, 2015-present.

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

PSC 5603 Russian Politics in Comparative Perspective

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

- Nationalism and regionalism
- Hybrid and authoritarian regimes
- Post-Soviet and Russian politics.

Representative Publications and Presentations

- Goode, J. Paul. "Love for the Motherland (or Why Cheese Is More Patriotic than Crimea)." *Russian Politics* 1, no. 4 (2016): 418–49.
- Goode, J. Paul. "Eyes Wide Shut: Democratic Reversals, Scientific Closure, and the Study of Politics in Eurasia." *Social Science Quarterly* 97, no. 4 (2016): 876–93. doi:10.1111/ssqu.12343.
- Ahram, Ariel I., and J. Paul Goode. "Researching Authoritarianism in the Discipline of Democracy." *Social Science Quarterly* 97, no. 4 (2016): 834–49. doi:10.1111/ssqu.12340.
- Goode, J. Paul, and David R. Stroup. "Everyday Nationalism: Constructivism for the Masses." *Social Science Quarterly* 96, no. 3 (2015): 717–39. doi:10.1111/ssqu.12188.
- Goode, J. Paul. "Legitimacy and Identity in Russia's Gubernatorial Elections." *Region: Regional Studies of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia* 3, no. 1 (2014): 59–82.
- Goode, J. Paul. "Nationalism in Quiet Times: Ideational Power and Post-Soviet Electoral Authoritarianism." *Problems of Post-Communism* 59 (2012): 6–16.
- Goode, J. Paul. "Redefining Russia: Hybrid Regimes, Fieldwork, and Russian Politics." *Perspectives on Politics* 8, no. 4 (2010): 1055–75.

Representative Honors and Awards Received

- Fulbright Research Fellowship, 2014-2016
- IREX IARO Fellowship, 2014 (declined)
- Faculty Enrichment Grants, University of Oklahoma, 2007-2012.
- Faculty Senate Development Award, University of Oklahoma, 2007, 2010.
- Presidential International Travel Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, 2009.
- Presidential Dream Course, University of Oklahoma, 2008.
- Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship, 2008-9.

Major Professional Affiliations

- American Political Science Association
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Association for the Study of Nationalities
- British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies
- Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia)