

## Political development in contemporary Russia

### Norwegian University Centre in St Petersburg

Semester: Spring 2017  
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Period: February – May 2017  
Dates/Time: TBA  
Exam: TBA

#### Course Description:

The course is designed to provide students with the necessary theoretical and empirical background for the study of Russian politics. It will cover a broad set of issues including those concerning Communism historical legacy; Postcommunist political institution-building; social, cultural, and economic context of the Post-Soviet political transformation.

#### Course requirements:

The course consists of 12 classes (2 academic hours each). They are divided between lectures and seminars where the students discuss the readings. Final grade for the course will be based on the following criteria:

Class attendance, preparation and participation	30%
Research paper	40%
Final written exam	30%

Students are expected to attend the lectures and participate actively in the seminars. All students are required to complete the introductory readings before classes begin. The students will write a paper related to one of the topics discussed in the course. The topic should be discussed with the instructor. The paper should be 10-15 pages long (single-spaced, font 12 Times New Roman, including references/literature) and be submitted at the exam. The date of the exam will be announced later in the term.

#### Introductory readings:

Thomas F. Remington. *Politics in Russia*. Boston: Pearson Longman, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., 2012.

Mary McAuley. *Soviet Politics 1917-1991*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 1992.

#### Lecture topics and assignments:

- Politics in Soviet Russia – important legacies.

Cohen S. Was the Soviet System Reformable? *Slavic Review*, 2004, V. 63, □ 3.

Dallin A. Causes of the Collapse of the USSR. *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 1992, V.8, □4.

Connor W. Soviet Society, Public Attitudes, and the Perils of Gorbachev's Reforms: The Social Context of the End of the USSR. *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 2003, Vol. 5, □ 4.

- Post-Communism: Agenda for Transition from Communist Rule.

Carothers Th. The End of Transition Paradigm. *Journal of Democracy*. V.13, □1, 2002.

Levitsky S., Way L. 2002. The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism. *Journal of Democracy*, V. 13, □ 2.

Linz J., Stepan A. *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe, South America, and Post-Communist Europe*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996 (ch. 19).

Schedler A. The Menu of Manipulation. *Journal of Democracy*, V. 13, □ 2, 2002.

Solnick S. Russia's Transition: Is Democracy Delayed Democracy Denied? *Social Research*, 1999, V. 66, □ 3.

- Studying Post-Soviet Political Culture.

Colton T., McFaul M. Are Russians Undemocratic? *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2002, V. 18, □2.

Colton T. Economics and Voting in Russia. *Post-Soviet Affairs*. 1996. Vol. 12, □ 4.

Hahn J. Continuity and Change in Russian Political Culture. *British Journal of Political Science*, 1991, V. 21, □ 4.

Hale H., "The Myth of Mass Public Support for Autocracy: The Public Opinion Foundations of a Hybrid Regime," *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2011, V. 63, □. 8.

Makarkin A. The Russian Social Contract and Regime Legitimacy. *International Affairs*, 2011, V. 87, No. 6.

- Russia's Civil Society ... and Beyond.

Henderson S. Civil Society in Russia: State-Soviet Relations in the Post-Yeltsin Era. *Problems of Post-Communism*, 2011, V. 58, □ 3.

Howard M. The Weakness of Civil Society in Post-Communist Europe. *Journal of Democracy*, V. 13, □1, 2002.

Ledeneva A. Corruption in Postcommunist Societies in Europe: A Re-examination. *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*. V. 10, □1, 2009.

Rose R. Uses of Social Capital in Russia: Modern, Pre-Modern, and Anti-Modern. *Post-Soviet Affairs*. 2000, V. 16, □1.

- Electoral Politics in Russia.

Moser R. The Electoral Effects of Presidentialism in Post-Soviet Russia. *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, 1998, V. 14, □1.

Colton T., Hale H. The Putin Vote: Presidential Electorates in a Hybrid Regime. *Slavic Review*, 2009, V. 68, No. 3.

White S. Elections Russian-Style. *Europe-Asia Studies*. *Europe-Asia Studies*, V.63, No 4, 2011.

- Political Parties in Russia.

Colton T., McFaul M. Reinventing Russia's "Party of Power": Unity and the 1999 Duma Election. *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2000, V. 16, □ 3.

Gelman V. Political Opposition in Russia: A Dying Species? *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2005, V.21, N3.

McFaul M. Explaining Party Formation and Nonformation in Russia. *Comparative Political Studies*, 2001, V. 34, □ 1.

White D. Dominant Party Systems: A Framework for Conceptualizing Opposition Strategies in Russia. *Democratization*, 2011, V. 18, □ 3.

- Russian Presidency.

Frye T. A Politics of Institutional Choice: Post-Communist Presidencies. *Comparative Political Studies*, 1997, V. 30, □ 5.

Linz J.. The Perils of Presidentialism, *Journal of Democracy*, V. 1, □1, 1990.

Dawisha K. Is Russia's Foreign Policy That of Corporatist-Cleptocratic Regime? *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2011, V. 27, □ 4.

- Russian Legislative Politics.

Linz J. The Virtues of Parliamentarism. *Journal of Democracy*, V. 1, □4, 1990.

Remington T. The Evolution of Executive-Legislative Relations in Russia. *Slavic Review*, 2000, V.59, □3.

Remington Th. Patronage and the Party of Power: President–Parliament Relations Under Vladimir Putin. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2008, V. 60, □ 6.

- Russian Bureaucracy.

Cheloukhine S., King J. Corruption networks as a sphere of investment activities in modern Russia. *Communist and Postcommunist Studies*, 2007, V. 40, □ 1.

Goncharov D., Shirikov A. Public Administration in Russia. In Liebert S., Condrey S., and Goncharov D., eds. *Public Administration in Post-Communist Countries: Former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and Mongolia*. Boca Raton: CRC/Taylor & Francis, 2013.

Sun Y. Reform, State, and Corruption: Is Corruption Less Destructive in China than in Russia? *Comparative Politics*, 1999, V. 32, □ 1.

- Post-Soviet Political Economy.

Bunce V. The Political Economy of Postsocialism. *Slavic Review*, 1999, V. 58, □4.

Hellman J. Winners Take All. *World Politics*, 1998, V.50, □2.

Ross M. Does Oil Hinder Democracy? *World Politics*, 2001, V. 53, □ 3.

Shleifer A. and D.Treisman. *A Normal Country*. *Foreign Affairs*. 2004, V.83, □2.

Guriev S., Rachinsky A. The Role of Oligarchs in Russian Capitalism. *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2005, V. 19, □ 1.

- Russian Regional Politics.

Gelman V. The Dynamics of Sub-National Authoritarianism: Russia in Comparative Perspective. In Gel'man V., Ross C. (eds.). *The Politics of Sub-National Authoritarianism in Russia*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2010.

Ross C. Federalism and Electoral Authoritarianism under Putin. *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, 2005, V. 13, □ 3.

Stepan A. Russian Federalism in Comparative Perspective. *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2000, V.16, □2.

Treisman D. Russia's "Ethnic Revival": The Separatist Activism of Regional Leaders in a Postcommunist Order. *World Politics*, 1997, V. 49, □ 2.

- Russian Post-Communist Transition: Evaluation and Perspectives.

Horvath R. Putin's 'Preventive Counter-Revolution': Post-Soviet Authoritarianism and the Spectre of Velvet Revolution. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2011, V. 53, □. 1.

Krastev I., Holmes S. An Autopsy of Managed Democracy. *Journal of Democracy*, 2012, V. 23, □. 3.

- McFaul M., Stoner-Weiss K. The Myth of the Authoritarian Model. *Foreign Affairs*, 2008, V.87, □1.
- Wolchik S. Can There Be A Color Revolution? *Journal of Democracy*, 2012, V. 23, □ 3.