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The course “Contemporary international relations” is developed in accordance with the MGIMO Educational Standard for the Bachelor’s Program in International Affairs (program track “Government and International Affairs”).

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PART 1: INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION, COURSE DESCRIPTION AND TEACHING METHODS

1.1. General information

Template

- Full course title: Contemporary international relations.
- Type of course: Compulsory.
- Level of course: BA.
- Year of study: 3rd.
- Number of ECTS credits allocated: 4.
- Academic hours: 64 hours (64 for in-class activities and 64 for home assignments).
- Lectures: 32 hours.
- Seminars: 32 hours.
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1.2. Course aims and learning outcomes

The main objective of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the main developments after the end of the Cold war, particular issues on the international agenda, to develop the ability to put them into the broader context of global and regional developments problems and further follow and systematize them. The course builds upon related disciplines, such as Theories of International Relations, World politics, Foreign policy analysis, International organizations, History of international relations (or Diplomatic history), International law etc.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of the course students should:

- be proficient in understanding and applying the basic descriptive and prescriptive concepts of international relations;
- be familiar with major discourses of international relations and foreign policy after the end of the Cold war;
- acquire comprehensive knowledge of major issues and developments at the global and regional levels;
- have profound knowledge of main international problems discussed in lectures and seminars;
- understand the main mechanisms of global and regional governance and their interrelationship;
- acquire profound knowledge of the main dilemmas and policies of major actors in international relations against the background of global and regional developments;
- improve their skills in further following and systematizing international developments and present their findings orally and in written.

1.3 Course requirements and grading plan

Course requirements:

Students are required to attend no less than 90% of classes (both lectures and seminars) and

be well prepared for class discussions. Conscientious reading of assigned materials is compulsory. Expanding reading beyond the assigned materials is most welcome.

During the semester, students are required to write two in-class response papers on specific subjects, pass through two in-class rating tests based on lectures and assigned reading materials, and deliver at least one in-class presentation on a particular seminar question.

In-class response papers are written at the beginning of a seminar and provide students' responses to one of three to five questions offered to them based on the preceding lectures materials and seminars readings.

In-class tests are based on lectures and assigned reading materials and cover subjects already discussed in lectures and seminars. Students are required to respond to 15 questions based on answers offered to them. The outcomes of the tests are discussed at the beginning of the following seminar.

In-class presentations address questions selected for the seminar discussion and are based on the extended reading list ('further reading'). They should be no longer than 15-20 minutes, subject to time availability. The presenters are required to clearly outline the subject, policies of relevant actors, arguments found in the literature and their critical assessment. The presenters would be expected to formulate 2 or 3 critical questions for further discussion in the class. Students also submit a short essay on the topic of their presentation no later than on the day of the respective seminar.

In-class presentations are followed by the general discussion on the subject in the class.

The course ends with a written exam.

Important note: subjects of lectures and seminars do not necessarily coincide. Some subjects of a more general nature are covered only in lectures, some – only in seminars, some particular subjects are covered only in reading papers. For details see the thematic schedule of classes.

Grading Plan:

Reading papers:	20% each (40%)
In-class tests:	15% each (30%)
In-class presentations:	15%
Activity in general discussion in the class:	10%
Class attendance:	5%

Written exam is graded separately at the end of the course. On each of the two questions students are expected to summarize, in a concise form, the essence of the issue (problem), identify relevant stakeholders and their perspectives and policies, and the authors' perspective on the issue based on the assigned reading materials.

Students are admitted to the exam provided their cumulative rating during the semester surpasses 60%. Otherwise the admission would require additional in-class written check.

PART 2: COURSE CONTENT

2.1. Course schedule

week	lecture	seminar
1	Introduction and basic concepts	Introduction
2	Globalization and international governance	Visions of the post-cold war world: Fukuyama versus Huntington
3	International security (military-political)	Visions of the post-cold war world: liberal and realist perspectives
4	International security (transnational threats)	Russian views of the post-Cold war world
5	Sustainable development	International security: nuclear nonproliferation
6	The U.S. in global politics	Climate change and the 2015 Paris agreement
7	China in global politics	The US National Security postures 1990–2017, priorities and objectives
8	The transformation of the European order	Russia-US relation
9	Regional developments: Eurasia	Russia in the European order
10	Regional developments: East Asia	Russo-Chinese relations
11	Regional developments: South Asia	Territorial and maritime claims in East Asia
12	Regional developments: Middle and Near East	India in regional and global politics
13	Regional developments: Latin America and Caribbean	Israeli–Palestinian conflict
14	Regional developments: Africa	Turkey in regional politics
15	Russia in global and regional politics	Diversification of Latin American external relations
16	Summary and conclusions	Summary and conclusions

2.1. Course content and reading

Lecture 1

Introduction and basic concepts

Summary: Introduction to the course, its structure and requirements. Basic concepts: the nature of IR, globalization, international (global and regional) governance, regionalism, conflict and cooperation, international processes.

Seminar 1

Introduction and self-organization.

Summary: Work plan and basic concepts.

Reading:

Shannon L. Blanton, Charles W. Kegley, *World Politics: Trend And Transformation, 2016–2017 edition* (Boston: Cengage Learning, 2017), pp. 11-18. Available at: <http://bookslibland.net/world-politics-trend-and-transformation-2016-2017-pdf/>.

Stephen McGlinchey (ed.), *International Relations* (Bristol: E-International Relations, 2017), pp. 32–56. Available at: <http://www.e-ir.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/International-Relations-E-IR.pdf>.

Further reading:

Jeffrey Heynes et al., *World Politics: International Relations and Globalisation in the 21st Century*, 2nd edition (London: Sage, 2017), 475 p.

Internet resources:

E-International Relations: <https://www.e-ir.info/>.

Lecture 2

Globalization and international governance

Summary: Origins, forms, processes, effects of globalization on international relations. The shift in the global distribution of economic power. Winners and losers. The evolving global agenda: security, transnational terrorism and crime, sustainable development, migration, poverty, food security etc. Global commons. International governance. The interconnectedness of global and regional governance mechanisms.

Reading:

Chapter 1. ‘International Relations and Globalization’, Jeffrey Heynes et al., *World Politics: International Relations and Globalisation in the 21st Century*, 2nd edition (London: Sage, 2017), 17 p. Available at: https://uk.sagepub.com/sites/default/files/upm-binaries/81418_Haynes_et_al__World_Politics__Chapter_1.pdf.

Further reading:

Shannon L. Blanton, Charles W. Kegley, *World Politics: Trend And Transformation, 2016–2017 edition*, pp. 320–489.

Global Governance 2025: At a Critical Juncture, (Washington: National Intelligence Council, 2010), 69 p. Available at: http://www.hourofthetime.com/1-LF/2025_Global_Governance.pdf.

Stephen McGlinchey (ed.), *International Relations*, pp. 57–97, 113–193.

The UN's Role in Global Governance, UN Intellectual History Project Briefing note No 15, 2009, 6 p. Available at: <http://unhistory.org/briefing/15GlobalGov.pdf>.

Internet resources:

Globalization 101: <http://www.globalization101.org/>.

The Global Transformations Website: <http://www.polity.co.uk/global/default.asp>.

'Globalization', internationalrelations.org: <http://internationalrelations.org/globalization/>.

Seminar 2

Visions of the post-cold war world: Fukuyama versus Huntington

Questions:

1. A liberal world order according to Fukuyama. What can challenge it?
2. The main points of Huntington's 'Clash of Civilizations' are his arguments.
3. The ongoing debate over the 'Clash of Civilizations'.

Reading:

Francis Fukuyama, 'The End of History?' *The National Interest*, Summer 1989. Available at: <https://ps321.community.uaf.edu/files/2012/10/Fukuyama-End-of-history-article.pdf>.

Samuel P. Huntington, 'The Clash of Civilizations?', *Foreign Affairs*, Summer 1993. Available at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20110720165019/http://edvardas.home.mruni.eu/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/huntington.pdf>.

Further Reading:

Francis Fukuyama. *The End of History and the Last Man* (New York: The New Press, 1992), 418 p. Available at: <https://ia800307.us.archive.org/4/items/TheEndOfHistoryAndTheLastMan/FukuyamaFrancis-TheEndOfHistoryAndTheLastMantheFreePress1992.pdf>.

Samuel P. Huntington. *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996), 410 p. Available at: https://archive.org/stream/SamuelPHuntingtonTheClashOfCiviliz/Samuel_P_Huntington_The_Clash_of_Civiliz#page/n7/mode/2up.

Davide Orsi (ed), *The Clash of Civilizations' 25 Years On: A Multidisciplinary Approach* (Bristol: E-International Relations, 2017), 161 p. Available at: <https://www.e-ir.info/publication/the-clash-of-civilizations-25-years-on-a-multidisciplinary-appraisal/>.

Lecture 3

International Security (military-political)

Summary: Traditional definition of security; the security dilemma; changing pattern of international violence (armed conflict); peace-keeping; the concept of comprehensive security; military-political dimensions of international security (arms control, nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction – WMD).

Reading:

Shannon L. Blanton, Charles W. Kegley, *World Politics: Trend And Transformation, 2016–2017 edition*, pp. 231–263, 278–289.

Further Reading:

Alexei Arbatov, 'Razing the Old to Build the New? Is Arms Control Obsolete?', *Russia in Global Affairs*, 5 October 2017. Available at: <http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/number/Razing-the-Old-to-Build-the-New-19040>.

The Global Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime. Council on Foreign Relations, Report by International Institutions and Global Governance Program, May 21, 2012. Available at: <https://www.cfr.org/report/global-nuclear-nonproliferation-regime>.

John Carlson, *Challenges to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime: Can the Regime Survive? An Australian Perspective*. Paper presented to the Carnegie Moscow Center, 29 May 2007. Available at: https://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/asno/Documents/challenges_nuclear_non-proliferation-regime.pdf.

SIPRI Yearbook 2018: Armaments, Disarmament, and International Security (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

Revitalizing nuclear arms control and non-proliferation (Moscow: National Institute of Corporate Reform, 2017, 192 p. Available at: http://www.luxembourgforum.org/media/documents/Revitalizing_Nuclear_Arms_Control_and_No-n-Proliferation-Moscow-2017.pdf

Michael Stohl, Peter Grabosky, Mark Irving Lichbach, *States and Peoples in Conflict: Transformations of Conflict Studies* (London: Routledge, 2016), 288 p. Available at: <https://updgopreview.cf/pages/read-online-states-and-peoples-in-conflict-transformations-of-conflict-studies-9781138653733-pdf-by-michael-stohl-peter-grabosky-mark-irving.html>

Internet resources:

Arms Control Association: <https://www.armscontrol.org/>

Uppsala Conflict Data Program: <http://www.pcr.uu.se/research/UCDP/>.

IISS. The Armed Conflict Database: <https://www.iiss.org/publications/armed-conflict-database>.

James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies: <https://www.nonproliferation.org/>.

Seminar 3

Visions of the post-cold war world: liberal and realist perspectives.

Questions:

1. Liberal perspectives on post-cold war order: the Democratic Peace Theory and its critics; the concept of a Pluralistic Security Community by Karl Deutsch.
2. Realist perspectives on post-cold war order.

Reading:

'Constructing Security Communities', Amitav Acharya, *Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia* (London: Routledge, 2001), pp. 15–37. Available at: (<https://fmc90.files.wordpress.com/2010/05/constructing-a-security-in-asean.pdf>).

Robert Kagan, 'Power and Weakness', *Policy Review*, June 2002 Available at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20130609160222/http://www.newamericancentury.org/kagan-20020520.htm>.

Jeff Pugh, *Democratic Peace Theory: A Review and Evaluation* CEMPROC Working Paper Series in peace, conflict and development, 2005, 19 p. Available at: <http://www.cemproc.org/democraticpeaceCWPS.pdf>.

Further Reading:

Emanuel Adler, Michael Barnett (eds.), *Security Communities* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998).

Zbigniew Brzezinski, *Strategic Vision: America and the Crisis of Global Power* (New York: Basic Books, 2012), 224 p.

Karl W. Deutsch et al. *Political Community and the North Atlantic Area: International Organization in the Light of Historical Experience* (Princeton: Princeton University Press), 1957.

Robert Kagan, *Of Paradise and Power. America and Europe in the New World Order* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2003), 103 p. Available at: http://commonweb.unifr.ch/artsdean/pub/gestens/f/as/files/4760/33518_121406.pdf.

Dmitri Trenin, *Мир безусловный: Евро-Атлантика XXI века как сообщество безопасности* [Unconditional Peace: The 21st Century Euro-Atlantic as a Security Community] (Moscow: ROSSPEN, 2013), 247 p. Available at: http://carnegieendowment.org/files/Trenin_Book_euro2013.pdf.

Lecture 4

International Security (transnational threats)

Summary: Non-state based transnational threats. Transnational terrorism and organized crime and states' responses. International cooperation on combatting transnational threats.

Reading:

Shannon L. Blanton, Charles W. Kegley, *World Politics: Trend And Transformation, 2016–2017 edition*, pp. 223–228.

McGlinchey S. (ed.), *International Relations*, pp. 152–162.

Further Reading:

John Rollins, Liana Sun Wyler, Seth Rosen, *International Terrorism and Transnational Crime: Security Threats, U.S. Policy, and Considerations for Congress* .CRS Report for Congress, 2010, 52 p. Available at: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/R41004-2010.pdf>.

The Global Regime for Transnational Crime, CFR, International Institutions and Global Governance Program, June 25, 2013: <https://www.cfr.org/report/global-regime-transnational-crime>.

Louis Peral (ed.), *Global security in a multipolar world*, EU ISS Chaillot Paper n° 118, 2009, 135 p. Available at: <https://www.iss.europa.eu/sites/default/files/EUISSFiles/cp118.pdf>.

C.S.R. Murthy, *The U.N. Counter-Terrorism Committee: An Institutional Analysis*, New York, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, 2007, 13 p. Available at: <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/04876.pdf>.

Wim Wensink W. et al., *The European Union's Policies on Counter-Terrorism: Relevance, Coherence and Effectiveness* (Brussels: the European Union, 2017), 219 p. Available at: https://www.clingendael.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/The_EU_policies_on_counter_terrorism.pdf.

Internet resources:

UN: <https://www.un.org/counterterrorism/ctitf/en/un-global-counter-terrorism-strategy>

UNODC website: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/index.html>

UNODC Strategies: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/about-unodc/unodc-strategy.html?ref=menutop>

Seminar 4

Russian views of the post-Cold war world.

Questions:

1. The concepts of polycentric world and of ‘genuine sovereignty’.
3. Compare Russian views of the World Order with the views discussed in Seminars 2 and 3.

Reading:

Foreign Policy Concept of the Russian Federation (approved by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin on November 30, 2016), available at: http://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/official_documents/-/asset_publisher/CptICkB6BZ29/content/id/2542248.

Andrei A. Kokoshin, ‘Национальные интересы, реальный суверенитет и национальная безопасность’ [‘National interests, real sovereignty and national security’], *Voprosy filosofii*, 10.27.2015, available at: http://vphil.ru/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1258.

Sergei Lavrov, ‘Russia and the World in the 21st Century’, *Russia in Global Affairs*, 9 August 2008. Available at: http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/number/n_11291.

Further Reading:

Alexei Arbatov, ‘Collapse of the World Order? The Emergence of a Polycentric World and Its Challenges’, *Russia in Global Affairs*, 20 March 2018. Available at: <http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/number/Collapse-of-the-World-Order-19442>.

Andrei A. Kokoshin, *Реальный суверенитет в современной мирополитической системе* [Real sovereignty in the contemporary political world system], 3rd edition (Moscow: Evropa, 2006).

Vyacheslav Nikonov, ‘Back to the Concert’, *Russia in Global Affairs*, 19 March 2018. Available at: <http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/number/Back-to-the-Concert-19429>.

Andrew Radin, Clint Reach, *Russian Views of the International Order* (Santa Monica: RAND Corporation, 2017). Available at: https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RR1800/RR1826/RAND_RR1826.epub.

Andrei Zagorski, ‘Russian Approaches to Global Governance in 21st Century’, *The International Spectator*, Vol. 45 (2010), No. 4, pp. 27–42.

Andrei Zagorski, ‘German Policy through the Lens of Russian Mainstream Thinking’, *German Politics*. 2018. Vol. 27. Issue 2. Published online 2 July 2018. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644008.2018.1481954>.

Lecture 5

Sustainable development

Summary: Global issues; the concept of sustainable development; climate change; sustainable development goals; global and regional governance of sustainable development.

Reading:

Stephen McGlinchey (ed.), *International Relations*, pp. 113–122, 163–182.

Further Reading:

Shannon L. Blanton, Charles W. Kegley, *World Politics: Trend And Transformation, 2016–2017 edition*, pp. 456–490.

Internet resources:

UN, sustainable development: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

CSD: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/csd.html>

UNEP: <https://www.unenvironment.org/>

Seminar 5

International security: nuclear nonproliferation.

Questions:

1. The Iranian nuclear dossier and the Iran-Deal.
2. Nuclear proliferation: the case of North Korea.

Reading:

Benjamin Hautecouverture, *Nuclear Proliferation in North East Asia* (Brussels: EU, 2017) pp. 8–28, 50 p. Available at: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/578015/EXPO_STU%282017%29578015_EN.pdf.

The Iran nuclear deal explained, *sky news*, 2018. Available at: <https://news.sky.com/story/what-is-the-iran-nuclear-deal-11362807>.

Chase Winter, 'What is the Iran nuclear deal?' DW in depth, 6 October 2017. Available at: <https://www.dw.com/en/what-is-the-iran-nuclear-deal/a-40848713>.

Further Reading:

The Iran Nuclear Deal: Expiration Dates & Consequences, IPAC, 4 p. Available at: <https://www.aipac.org/-/media/publications/policy-and-politics/fact-sheets/other/the-iran-nuclear-deal-expiration-dates-and-consequences.pdf>.

Paul K. Kerr, *Iran's Nuclear Program: Status*. CRS Report, August 9, 2018, 65 p. Available at: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL34544.pdf>.

Zachary Laub, *The Middle East After the Iran Nuclear Deal*, CFR, September 3, 2015. Available at: <https://www.cfr.org/expert-roundup/middle-east-after-iran-nuclear-deal>.

Kathleen J. McInnis et al., *The North Korean Nuclear Challenge: Military Options and Issues for Congress*. CRS Report, October 2017, 62 p. Available at: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/R44994.pdf>.

Internet resources:

James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies:

Iran: <https://www.nonproliferation.org/category/countries/iran/>.

North Korea: https://www.nonproliferation.org/category/countries/north_korea/.

Lecture 6

The US in global politics

Summary: Continuity and change in US policy; relative economic decline; the US in a polycentric world; the US and the transformation of the global governance system; major challenges.

Reading:

Jeffrey Goldberg, 'The Obama Doctrine', *The Atlantic* (April 2016), available at: <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/04/the-obama-doctrine/471525/>.

Colin Kahl, Hal Brands, 'Trump's Grand Strategic Train Wreck', *Foreign Policy*, January 31, 2017. Available at: <https://foreignpolicy.com/2017/01/31/trumps-grand-strategic-train-wreck/>.

Kevin Lamarque, 'Trump's Unpredictability is his Strength', *Russian International Affairs Council*, April 17, 2017, available at: <http://russiancouncil.ru/en/analytics-and-comments/analytics/trump-s-unpredictability-is-his-strength/>.

Further Reading:

Derek Chollet, *The Long Game: How Obama Defied Washington and Redefined America's Role in the World*, (New York: Public Affairs, 2016), 288 p. Available at: <http://book.org/book/2769061/701b89>.

Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds. A publication of the National Intelligence Council. Executive Summary. (Washington, NIC, 2012), 137 p. Available at: <https://info.publicintelligence.net/GlobalTrends2030.pdf>.

Global Trends 2035: Paradox of Progress. A publication of the National Intelligence Council, (Washington, NIC, 2017), 226 p. Available at: <https://www.dni.gov/files/images/globalTrends/documents/GT-Full-Report.pdf>.

Internet resources:

US Department of State: <https://www.state.gov/>

Seminar 6

Climate change and the 2015 Paris agreement.

Questions:

1. The problem: evidence and the sources of climate change.
2. From the 1994 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to the 1997 Kyoto protocol.
3. The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement: what is the difference as compared to the Kyoto protocol?

Reading:

Gregor Erbach, *The Paris Agreement A new framework for global climate action*. EPRS Briefing, January 2016, 10 p. Available at: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2016/573910/EPRS_BRI%282016%29573910_EN.pdf.

Nina Hall, 'The Institutionalisation of Climate Change in Global Politics', Gustavo Sosa-Nunez, Ed Atkins (eds.), *Environment, Climate Change and International Relations* (Bristol: E-International Relations, 2016), pp. 60-74. Available at: <https://www.e-ir.info/publication/environment-climate-change-and-international-relations/>.

Further Reading:

Daniel C. Esty, 'Climate Change and Global Environmental Governance', *Global Governance*, Vol. 14 (2008), pp. 111–118. Available at: https://digitalcommons.law.yale.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1425&context=fss_papers.

Alexey Kokorin and Anna Korppoo, *Russia's Post-Kyoto Climate Policy: Real Action or Merely Window-Dressing?* Fritjof Nansen Institute; FNI Climate Policy Perspectives, No 10, May 2013, 8 p. Available at: https://wwf.ru/upload/iblock/00a/fni_climate_policy_perspectives.pdf.

'United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change', *Environment and Ecology* (<http://www.environment-ecology.com/climate-change/599-united-nations-framework->).

Internet resources:

Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climate-change-2/>

IPCC: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/index.shtml>

The Paris Agreement: http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9485.php

United Nations Climate Change: <https://unfccc.int/>

Lecture 7

China in global politics

Summary: Main concepts and principles informing Chinese foreign policy; China and global governance institutions and mechanisms; is China a revisionist power seeking to overhaul the existing world order?; Sino-US relations: a balance of cooperation and competition; China's relations and policy in its neighbourhood (East Asia); Major international projects pursued by China.

Reading:

China's Foreign Policy and External Relations. (Brussels: EU publications office, 2015), pp. 13–45. Available at: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/549057/EXPO_STU%282015%29549057_EN.pdf.

Further Reading:

Roberto Bendini, *United States–China relations: a complex balance between cooperation and confrontation*. (Brussels: EU publications office, 2016), 23 p. Available at: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2016/570464/EXPO_IDA%282016%29570464_EN.pdf.

Susan V. Lawrence, *U.S.-China Relations: An Overview of Policy Issues*. CRS Report to Congress, 2013, 61 p. Available at: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41108.pdf>.

Alexandr Lukin, 'China's New Foreign Policy Strategy and Russia's Concerns', *International Problems*, Vol. LXIII (2011), № 4, pp. 483–504. Available at: <https://mgimo.ru/library/publications/220016/>.

Eva Pejsova, J. Bund (eds.), *Chinese Futures: Horizon 2025*. EU ISS Report № 35, July 2017, 103 p. Available at:

https://www.iss.europa.eu/sites/default/files/EUISSFiles/Report_35_Chinese%20futures.pdf.

Niklas Swanström, Ryosei Kokubun (eds), *Sino-Japanese Relations: The Need for Conflict Prevention and Management* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008). Available at: <http://www.cambridgescholars.com/download/sample/60429>.

Internet resources:

‘ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations’, *ASEAN official website*: <http://asean.org/asean/external-relations/china/>.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China: http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/.

Seminar 7

The US National Security postures 1990–2017, priorities and objectives

Questions:

1. Trace the evolution of the US policy priorities from Clinton over Bush through Obama and Trump based on the relevant National Security Strategies of the US.

2. How did the geographic and thematic priorities of the US policy in the world change?

3. US perspectives on the changing global governance pressures?

4. How did the US nuclear posture changed from Obama to Trump?

Reading:

National Security Strategy of the United States of America. (Washington: The White House, 2017). Available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/NSS-Final-12-18-2017-0905.pdf>.

National Security Strategy. (Washington: The White House, 2015). Available at: https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2015_national_security_strategy.pdf.

For previous National Security Strategies see: *National Security Strategy Archive*: <http://nssarchive.us/>.

Nuclear Posture Review Report, April 2010 (Washington: US Department of Defense, 2010), 49 p. Available at:

https://dod.defense.gov/Portals/1/features/defenseReviews/NPR/2010_Nuclear_Posture_Review_Report.pdf.

Nuclear Posture Review 2018 (Washington, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 2018), 75 p. Available at: <https://media.defense.gov/2018/Feb/02/2001872886/-1/-1/1/2018->.

Further Reading:

Global Trends 2035: Paradox of Progress (Washington, MIC, 2017), 226 p. Available at: <https://www.dni.gov/files/images/globalTrends/documents/GT-Full-Report.pdf>.

Frank A. Rose, *Is the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review as Bas as the Critics Claim It Is?* Brookings Foreign Policy Brief, April 2018, 11 p. Available at: https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/fp_20180413_2018_nuclear_posture_review.pdf

Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense. (Washington, U.S. Department of Defense, 2012), 8 p. (2012 Defense Strategic Guidance) available at: http://archive.defense.gov/news/Defense_Strategic_Guidance.pdf.

Lecture 8

The transformation of the European order

Summary: The evolution of the European architecture after the end of the Cold war. Transformation of NATO. Erection of the European Union. The OSCE. Con temporary crisis of the European security order. Diverging narratives pertaining to the origins of the current crisis

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Seminar 8

Russia–US Relations

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2. What are the main issues on the agenda of Russo–US relations?

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Regional developments: Eurasia

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Seminar 9

Russia in the European order

Questions:

1. The evolution of the Russian visions of the post-cold war European order: the 1990s and now.
2. The evolution of Russia's relations with NATO and the European Union.
3. The Medvedev European Security Treaty proposal.
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Lecture 10

Regional developments: East Asia

Summary: Concepts and definitions; main actors; overlapping economic cooperation frameworks (APEC, ASEAN, TPP, RCEP); rudimentary regional multilateral political architecture and governance (ASEAN Regional Forum on Security, East Asian Summit, China–Japan–ROK trilateral summits); non-inclusive security architecture (US bilateral and multilateral security arrangements); Russia in East Asia; current state and prospects for East Asia regional order.

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Seminar 10

Russo-Chinese Relations

Questions:

1. Settlement of the border dispute.
3. The evolution of Russo-Chinese relations since the end of the Cold war.
4. Russia's pivot to Asia (China) since 2014: interim outcome.

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Regional developments: South Asia

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Seminar 11

Territorial and maritime claims in East Asia

Questions:

1. Claims in East China Sea (positions and policies of the parties)
2. Claims in South China Sea (positions and policies of the parties)
3. The Kuril Islands: Russo – Japanese dispute.

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Lecture 12

Regional developments: Middle and Near East

Summary: Concepts and definitions of the region; main regional and extra-regional actors; regional and sub-regional governance (the League of Arab States, the Gulf Cooperation Council, economic frameworks); the 'Arab Spring'; reconfiguration of the region in progress and its driving forces (rigid autocratic regimes, tribal and regional clans disputes over access to power, growing middle class, sectarian strife, weak states and spread of religious radicalism, the Kurdish issue).

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Seminar 12

India in regional and global politics

Questions:

1. Indian multilateral relations
2. India and China: cooperation without trust
3. Indo – US strategic partnership
4. Russo-Indian partnership

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Lecture 13

Regional developments: Latin America and Middle and Caribbean

Summary: Concepts and definitions of the region; main regional and extra-regional actors; major developments since the end of the Cold war; Brazil's global governance aspirations; 'Latin American integrations'; the impact of the 'Left turn'; regional governance in transition.

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US-Latin American Relations: https://www.academia.edu/Documents/in/US-Latin_American_Relations.

Seminar 13

Israeli–Palestinian conflict

Questions:

1. The Oslo Accords and process
2. The Road Map and the Quartet
3. Where are we now?

Reading:

Joel Beinin, Lisa Hajjar, *Palestine, Israel and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Primer*, The Middle East Research & Information Project, 2014, 16 p. Available at:

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Lecture 14

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European Commission: <http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/regions/africa-caribbean-pacific/>.

Seminar 14

Turkey in regional politics

Questions:

1. The impact of the ‘Arab Spring’
2. The Kurdish issue
3. Turkey and the Syria crisis

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Lecture 15

Russia in global and regional politics

Summary: Threats and opportunities assessment: military-political issues, transnational threats, hybrid threats. The Russian Puzzle: Eurasia, the US, China and Europe. Reaching out to other regions: East Asia and Asia-Pacific, Middle and Near East, South Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, Africa. Russia and the evolving global governance system.

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Seminar 15

Diversification of Latin American external relations

Questions:

1. Latin America and the European Union
2. Latin America and Asia-Pacific
3. Russia and Latin America

Reading:

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Lecture 16

Summary and Conclusions

Summary: What we have learned during the course. The effects of the end of the cold war. The effects of globalization. Global governance. Regional governance. Is there more or less anarchy in the world? The Syrian crisis as a test case.

Seminar 16

Summary and conclusions

Questions:

1. Compare regions in terms of their:

- intraregional interconnectedness;
- level (density) of regional governance institutionalization
- fragmentation or consolidation (prevalence of conflict or cooperation)

Try to develop a scale between the most and the least 'Westphalian' regions.

2. What are the US' and the EU's choice of policy towards China on global governance:

- contain (isolate) China
- coopt China into the existing ('western') governance institutions and mechanisms
- adapt the existing mechanisms in order to make them more representative
- allow China to consolidate its own (parallel) governance mechanisms

Reading:

Comparing regions:

Go to the relevant lectures and sources in the respective outlines for the seminars.

US and EU policy on China's role in global governance mechanisms:

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2.3. Exam questions

1. Explain the main thesis of the Fukuyama's 'End of history' and the main points of his critics.
2. Explain the main thesis of the Huntington's 'Clash of civilizations' and the main points of his critics.
3. Explain the main thesis of the Democratic Peace Theory and the main points of its critics.
4. Explain the main thesis of the Pluralistic Security Community theory and its relevance for the contemporary debate.
5. Russian views of the post-Cold world and global governance.
6. The US National Security Strategy 2017: what is new?
7. US foreign and security policy geographic priorities.
8. US perspectives on the changing global governance.
9. The main achievements and disputes in Russia–US relations since the end of the cold war.
10. The main issues of contention in contemporary Russo–US relations?
11. Main concepts and principles informing the Chinese foreign policy.
12. China's policy on global governance.
13. Cooperation and competition in Sino–US relations.
14. China's policy toward East Asia.
15. China's policy toward South Asia.
16. Major international projects pursued by China.
17. The evolution of Russo-Chinese relations since the end of the cold war.
18. Achievements, problems and concerns in contemporary Russo-Chinese relations.
19. Russia's pivot to Asia: interim balance sheet.
20. The transformation of NATO since the end of the cold war.
21. Diverging narratives pertaining to the origins of the current European security crisis.
22. Russian views of the post-Cold war European order.
23. Russia's relations with the EU.
24. Russia's relations with NATO.
25. The Medvedev European Security Treaty proposal.
26. Regional governance and integration in Eurasia.
27. Arguments pro and contra institutional cooperation between the EU and the Eurasian Economic Union.
28. Territorial and maritime claims in South China Sea.
29. Territorial and maritime claims in East China Sea.
30. Territorial disputes in South Asia.
31. The US policy toward South Asia since the end of the Cold war: main changes.
32. The North Korean nuclear proliferation challenge.
33. The Iranian nuclear dossier, the Iran Deal and its current status.
34. Regional governance Architecture in East Asia.
35. Security architecture in East Asia.
36. ASEAN regional policies since the end of the Cold war.
37. East Asia summit.
38. Russian policy toward East Asia.
39. Regional governance architecture in South Asia.
40. Strategic partnership between India and the US.
41. Sino-Indian relations.
42. Russo – Indian relations since the end of the cold war.
43. Regional governance in Latin America.
44. Regional governance in the Middle East.
45. EU – Latin American relations.
46. Sino – Latin American relations.

47. MERCOSUR, Pacific Alliance and UNASUR.
48. Free Trade Area of the Americas.
49. Progress and limits of the Israel-Palestine Conflict resolution since the end of the cold war.
50. The reconfiguration of the Middle East since the end of the cold war.
51. The Evolving Turkey's policy in the Middle and Near East.
52. The US policy toward Latin America since the end of the cold war.
53. The 'Arab Spring' and its impact on the region.
54. The Syria crisis.
55. Regional and sub-regional governance in Africa: progress and challenges.
56. The Kyoto protocol and the Paris climate agreement: what is the difference?

2.4. Exam timing

Fall semester written exam: January.

2.5. Consolidated reading list (in alphabetic order)

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