

**MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
IR 564. Russia and the European State-System  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

This post-graduate course seeks to explore and analyse the evolution of Russia's place in the European state-system, especially in the post-Cold war era. The first part of the course discusses various conceptual frameworks that are used to analyse Russia's relations with the European states. The next part deals mainly with the historical evolution of Russia's orientation towards the European state-system during both the Tsarist and Soviet periods. Afterwards, the course will discuss Russia's place in the emerging institutional architecture of Europe in the post-Cold War era.

The course will be conducted in the mode of lecture. Student participation is strongly recommended.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Students will be asked to write one term paper with 40% weight on the final grade. There will be an oral presentation with 10% weight. The final examination will count for 50% of the final grade.

**COMPULSORY READING LIST**

Vladimir G. Baranovsky, ed., *Russia and Europe: The Emerging Security Agenda*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.

An updated additional list of recommended reading materials for each week will be given in the first week.

**THE ORGANISATION OF THE COURSE**

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Russia and the Dilemmas in Its Process of Westernization

Week 3: Competing Conceptions of Europe in Russia

Week 4: Russia and Europe during the Tsarist Era

Week 5: The Formation of the Soviet Union and the European Reactions

Week 6: The Soviet Union and Europe in the Post-World War II Era

Week 7: Russia and the CSCE/OSCE

Week 8: Russia and NATO

Week 9: Russia and the European Union

Week 10: Russia and the Western Europe

Week 11: Russia and the Central and East European Countries

Week 12: Russia and the Balkans

Week 13: Russia and the Baltic Region

Week 14: Change and Continuity in Russia's Place in the European State-System