



HSE St. Petersburg
School of Social Sciences and Humanities

Course Title: Political development in contemporary Russia

Course Coordinator: Dmitry Goncharov

Credit Value: 6 ECTS

Contact hours: 60

Runs in (2016/17): Semester 1, Quarter 1-2

Course Prerequisites:

Open to exchange students: yes

Course Outline

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. The course consists of 12 classes (2 academic hours each). They are divided between lectures and seminars where the students discuss the readings.

Assessment Methods

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. 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 10-12 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.