# Power, Influence, and Conflict: Russia in Contemporary Geopolitics

## Language

English

## Aim

The aim of this course is to analyze the evolution of Russia's foreign policy following its large-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. It seeks to examine the interplay between Russia's internal political dynamics and its external strategies, with a strong focus on the causes, evolution, and consequences of the war. Additionally, the course explores how Russia engages with different global actors, including China, the "Global South," the Middle East, Africa, and the post-Soviet region. Through discussions, students will critically assess Russia's geopolitical strategies and their broader implications.

## Course content

- Explaining the war against Ukraine: a multi-causal approach (Dr Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti)
- The link between the domestic and the external: memory and imperialism (Dr Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti)
- Russia and the Global South: Perceptions of the Ukraine war and multipolarism (Dr Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti)
- Russia and China: anatomy of a partnership (Dr Giulia Sciorati, LSE Fellow, Department of International Relations. London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Russia in the Middle East and North Africa (Dr Chiara Lovotti, Research Fellow ISPI) // Dr Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti, Russia in Sub-Saharan Africa (Dr Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti)
- The future of Russia's projection in the post-Soviet region (Dr Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti)

## Educational materials provided

Written content from the professor/s

## Teaching mode

Online

## Final test

Multiple Choice Exam  (pass with 8 out of 15 correct answers)

## Faculty for the course

Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti (senior research fellow at the Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia Centre at ISPI)

Chiara Lovotti (ISPI Research Fellow, a specialist in international relations of the MENA, with a focus on Russia's foreign policy in the area and associated political and security issues)

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