

**Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies
School of International Studies, JNU**

Course (MA/Ph.D): **Ph.D**

Course Title: **Russian Security Policy and Strategy**

Course Type(Core/Optional):**Optional**

Course Teacher: **Dr. Vaishali Krishna**

Credits: **Four**

Contact Hours: **2 per week**

Course Code: **SE630**

Course Objectives

The main objective of the course is to provide an in-depth understanding of the Russian security policy that combines elements of the past and the future besides familiarising with the security strategy guiding Russia's relations with the rest of the world. It will, therefore, cover not only Russia's centuries-old history, rich cultural heritage and military might but also focus on the role it plays in the world as a major power to wield influence and expand its global footprint with the help of its great economic, science-technological and military potential. The course will also highlight the significance of Russia's unique strategic location on the Eurasian landscape in addition to highlighting its being a prominent and influential member of the nuclear club, holding a permanent seat on the UN Security Council and maintaining some influence in the post-Soviet space. Since the national security policy of Russia aims to ensure security of the individual, society and state against external and internal threats, the course will deal with Russia's efforts for global collaboration to ensure its internal security besides promoting global and regional security.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, the students will be able to acquire an in-depth knowledge of various dimensions of the Russian security policy besides becoming familiar with the security strategy that guides Russia's relations with the rest of the world. The students will also have a clear understanding of the Russian security policy in a theoretical perspective. The course will also enable the students to grasp the significance of the Russian security policy and the strategy adopted to ensure the well-being of the individual, society and state against external and internal threats. The students will be able to analyse the implications of Russia's security policy and strategy for promoting global and regional security.

Evaluation Method

Sessional work (50%) and End semester examination (50%).

Course Content

Section I: Concept of Security: Theoretical Approaches

- (a) Traditional and Non Traditional Concepts of Security

- (b) Rationalism (Realism, Liberalism), Reflectivism (Marxism, Neo-Marxism), Constructivism.
- (c) Soviet Concept of Security.
- (d) Security Thinking in Post-Soviet Russia.

Section II: Dimensions of Russian Security Policy

- (a) Politico-Diplomatic dimension
- (b) Economic dimension
- (c) Military dimension
- (d) Social dimension including health security

Section III: National Security Concept of Russia

- (a) National interest
- (b) Internal threats to National Security
- (c) External threats to National Security
- (d) Ways and Means to ensure National Security

Section IV: Russian Security Strategy towards Major Powers

- (a) USA
- (b) The European Union
- (c) China
- (d) India

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