

POLISCI 71
Current Issues in European Security

Syllabus | Spring Quarter 2017

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BACKGROUND

Europe today is facing the some of the greatest challenges to stability and security since the Cold War. Russian annexation and intervention in Ukraine, immigration from the Middle East, the rises of populists, Brexit, and the Trump administration's mixed signals about its commitment to transatlantic relations have triggered a new era of uncertainty. *Current Issues in European Security* offers students an overview of these challenging trends.

OBJECTIVES

This course will feature leading U.S. and European policymakers in a speaker series exploring threats and challenges in European security. Through lectures, discussions and optional readings, we will develop a framework for understanding those concerns and possible policy responses.

COURSE STRUCTURE

This is a one-unit, credit/no credit course consisting of six or more speaker events and two informal discussion seminars with Professor McFaul. Each student is required to attend at least four of the six speaker events, in addition to the two sessions with Professor McFaul.

Days of the week for speaker events vary, but times will usually run from 12pm to 1:30pm. Lunch will be served for noontime events.

You must RSVP for all the events you plan to attend here: <http://tec.fsi.stanford.edu/events>

REQUIREMENTS

Course credit is based on attendance and completion of a short final paper. **Attendance is required at both seminars with Michael McFaul and at least five of the seven speaker events.**

At the end of the quarter, students will write a five-page policy memo to President Trump or to President Macron suggesting one concrete new initiative to enhance European security. In your answer, review existing policies before making the case for your new idea. The paper is due by 5:00pm on Friday, June 9th.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE AND OPTIONAL READINGS

All course readings are optional, intended to provide context for the speaker events and ideas for your policy memo.

April 4 **Nicola STURGEON**, First Minister of Scotland
Scotland's Place in the World

April 10 **Ivan KRASTEY**, Contributing opinion writer on Eastern and Central Europe for the
New York Times
"The Imitation Imperative"

Although the post-1989 world is the world that America and Europe made, it has now become the world that America and Europe have started to fear and sometimes even hate. Looking back across the turbulent decades since 1989, we are astounded by the speed with which yesterday's euphoric victory has turned into today's anxiety and distress. Explaining why and how it happened in the different parts of Europe, Russia, Turkey, Eastern Europe is the principal ambition of this lecture.

Suggested Readings:

Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History?" *The National Interest*, Summer 1989.

Ivan Krastev and Mark Leonard, "Europe's Shattered Dream of Order" in: *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2015.

Ken Jowitt, "After Leninism: The New World Disorder", *Journal of Democracy* 2 (Winter 1991), pp. 11-20.

Edward Luttwak, "Why Fascism is the Wave of the Future", *London Review of Books*, Vol. 16 No. 7, 7 April 1994.
<https://www.lrb.co.uk/v16/n07/edward-luttwak/why-fascism-is-the-wave-of-the-future>

Roberto Stefan Foa/Yascha Mounk, "The democratic disconnect", *Journal of Democracy* 27/3 (July 2016), pp. 5-17

April 12 **Seminar with Michael McFaul**
12:00 – "The Russian Threat In Europe and America."
1:00 pm ***Suggested readings:***
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McFaul, Michael, "How Brexit Is a Win for Putin." *The Washington Post*, June 25, 2016. https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/how-brexit-is-a-win-for-putin/2016/06/25/800e4d3c-3b06-11e6-8f7c-d4c723a2becb_story.html?utm_term=.63cf3e0803fb

McFaul, Michael and Stoner, Kathryn. "Who Lost Russia (This Time?) Vladimir Putin" *Washington Quarterly*, 3 August 2015

<http://twq.elliott.gwu.edu/who-lost-russia-time-vladimir-putin>

Brandt, Strobe Talbott and Jessica. "What Putin Is Up To," *The Atlantic*, March 2, 2017. https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/03/putin-trump-russia-flynn-sessions-hack-kremlin/518412/?utm_source=twb

McFaul, Michael, "Let's Get the Facts Right on Foreign Involvement in Our Elections." *The Washington Post*, December 10, 2016. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/global-opinions/wp/2016/12/10/lets-get-the-facts-right-on-foreign-involvement-in-our-elections/?utm_term=.dbd8724eaa50

April 19 **Alina POLYAKOVA**, Atlantic Council

"The Kremlin's Trojan Horses? Russia and the European Far Right"

Suggested Readings:

Alina Polyakova, "Putinism and the European Far Right," *Institute of Modern Russia*, January 19, 2016, <https://imrussia.org/en/analysis/world/2500-putinism-and-the-european-far-right>

Alina Polyakova and Péter Krekó, "Will Populist Leaders Make Voters Love Putin?," accessed March 20, 2017, <http://www.the-american-interest.com/2017/01/02/will-populist-leaders-make-voters-love-putin/>

Polyakova, Alina, Marlene Laruelle, Stefan Meister, and Neil Barnett. "The Kremlin's Trojan Horses", Atlantic Council, November 2016." 7-8. http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/images/publications/The_Kremlins_Trojan_Horses_web_0228_third_edition.pdf

April 25 **Toomas Hendrik Ilves**, Former President of Estonia (2006 – 2016)

["Bits and pieces: Liberal democracy in the digital era"](#)

April 26 **Alexander STUBB**, Former Prime Minister of Finland

"Life after Trump and Brexit: Will Europe be able to take the lead?"

Suggested readings:

"Italy's Most Popular Political Party Is Leading Europe In Fake News And Kremlin Propaganda." 2017. *BuzzFeed*. Accessed March 10.

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/albertonardelli/italys-most-popular-political-party-is-leading-europe-in-fak>

David Schrieberg, "How Trump And Brexit Are Infecting European Politics," *Forbes*, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/davidschrieberg1/2017/02/08/how-trump-and-brexit-are-infecting-european-politics/>

May 15 **Ivo DAALDER**, President of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs

“Donald Trump and the End of the US-led Order in Europe”

May 22 **Mark LEONARD**, European Council on Foreign Relations

“The connectivity wars: European security and the weaponisation of the internet, trade, migration and international institutions”

Leonard, Mark, ed. *Connectivity wars: Why migration, finance and trade are the geo-economic battlegrounds of the future*. 2016.

Introduction, chapters 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22

http://www.ecfr.eu/page/-/Connectivity_Wars.pdf

May 31 **Closing Seminar with Michael McFaul**

12:00 –

1:00 pm

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Suggested readings:

Michael McFaul, “Our Allies Are Afraid. Here’s How Trump Can Reassure Them,” *The Washington Post*, November 17, 2016,

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/our-allies-are-afraid-heres-how-trump-can-reassure-them/2016/11/17/6656a378-acdd-11e6-8b45-f8e493f06fcd_story.html?utm_term=.5aefd807f8f7

McFaul, Michael “How Trump Can Play Nice With Russia, Without Selling Out America.” *Foreign Policy*. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2017/01/06/how-trump-can-play-nice-with-russia-without-selling-out-america/>

McFaul, Michael “How to Counter the Putin Playbook.” *The New York Times*, July 30, 2016. <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/31/opinion/sunday/how-to-counter-the-putin-playbook.html>

Robert Kagan, “The Twilight of the Liberal World Order | Brookings Institution.” *Brookings*, January 24, 2017. <https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-twilight-of-the-liberal-world-order/>