

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

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Political Science 130AC  
Seminar: Post-Soviet Politics  
Winter Quarter, 2000

Political Science 130AC is an undergraduate seminar that examines politics of the Soviet successor states since 1991. The seminar will discuss all fifteen successor states, but most attention will focus on the Russian Federation.

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**Requirements:** The course requirements are [1] inspired participation in weekly seminar discussions and [2] two short research projects and presentations, as follows:

**Briefing on the 1999 State Duma Elections.** Each student will track the campaign of one of the major electoral blocs that won seats in the 1999 State Duma. By Monday, February 14, each student should complete a one-page **outline** describing the electoral bloc's leadership, programs, campaign strategy, and electoral fortunes. Everyone should distribute copies to all members of the seminar. On Wednesday, February 16, each student will present an eight-minute **oral briefing** to the class describing the electoral bloc's campaign.

**Debate of Russian and American Policy Options in Chechnya.** Each student will participate in one of four debate teams. The first two will debate Russian policy options in Chechnya. The second two will debate American policy options in the Chechnya crisis. On Wednesday, March 15, each team will participate in a one hour **debate**. By Friday, March 17 each student should submit a **policy memorandum**.

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### SCHEDULE OF SEMINARS AND READINGS

#### **Week 1. INTRODUCTORY MEETING. (January 12)**

*No reading required prior to this meeting.*

#### **Week 2. POST-COMMUNISM AND THEORY OF DEMOCRACY. (January 19)**

***Read for January 19:***

[1] Valerie Bunce. "Regional Differences in Democratization: The East versus the South," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 14 (1998), 187-211.

[2] M. Steven Fish. "Democratization's Requisites: The Postcommunist Experience," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 14 (1998), 212-247.

[3] Stephen E. Hanson and Jeffrey S. Kopstein. "The Weimar/Russia Comparison," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 13 (1997), 252-283. Plus response and rebuttal by Shenfield and Hanson and Kopstein.

**Week 3. POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PERSONALISTIC POLITICS. (January 26)**

***Read for January 26:***

[1] Thomas F. Remington, Steven S. Smith, and Moshe Haspel. "Decrees, Laws, and Inter-Branch Relations in the Russian Federation," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 14 (1998), 287-322.

[2] Robert G. Moser. "Electoral Systems and the Number of Parties in Postcommunist States," *World Politics* 51 (1999), 359-384.

[3] George W. Breslauer. "Boris Yel'tsin as Patriarch," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 15 (1999), 186-200.

[4] Hans-Henning Schröder. "El'tsin and the Oligarchs: The Role of Financial Groups in Russian Politics Between 1993 and July 1998," *Europe-Asia Studies* 51 (1999), 957-988.

**Week 4. FEDERALISM AND REGIONAL POLITICS. (February 2)**

***Read for February 2:***

[1] Steven L. Solnick. "Gubernatorial Elections in Russia, 1996-1997," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 14 (1998), 58-80.

[2] Gail W. Lapidus. "Asymmetrical Federalism and State Breakdown in Russia," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 15 (1999), 74-82.

[3] Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, "Central Weakness and Provincial Autonomy: Observations on the Devolution Process in Russia," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 15 (1999), 87-106.

[4] Vladimir Gel'man. "Regime Transition, Uncertainty, and Prospects for Democratisation: The Politics of Russia's Regions in a Comparative Perspective," *Europe-Asia Studies* 51 (1999), 939-956.

**Week 5. POLITICAL CULTURES. (February 9)**

***Read for February 9:***

[1] Judith Kullberg and William Zimmerman. "Liberal Elites, Socialist Masses, and Problems of Russian Democracy," *World Politics* 51 (1999), 323-358.

[2] Vladimir Shlapentokh. "Social Inequality in Post-communist Russia: The Attitudes of the Political Elite and the Masses (1991-1998)," *Europe-Asia Studies* 51 (1999), 1167-1181.

[3] Andrew Wilson and Sarah Birch. "Voting Stability, Political Gridlock: Ukraine's 1998 Parliamentary Elections," *Europe-Asia Studies* 51 (1999), 1039-1068.

**Week 6. PRESENTATIONS: THE 1999 STATE DUMA ELECTIONS. (February 16)**

***Distribute outline to all members of the seminar by Monday, February 14.***

**Week 7. ECONOMIC REFORM AND ECONOMIC CRISIS. (February 23)**

***Read for February 23:***

[1] Joel S. Hellman. "Winners Take All: The Politics of Partial Reform in Postcommunist Transitions," *World Politics* 50 (1998), 203-234.

[2] Philip Hanson. "The Russian Economic Crisis and the Future of Russian Economic Reform," *Europe-Asia Studies* 51 (1999), 1141-1166.

[3] Thierry Malleret, Natalie Orlova, and Vladimir Romanov. "What Loaded and Triggered the Russian Crisis?" *Post-Soviet Affairs* 15 (1999), 107-129.

**Week 8. DYNAMICS OF THE NEW ECONOMY. (March 1)**

***Read for March 1:***

[1] Kathryn Hendley. "How Russian Enterprises Cope With Payments Problems," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 15 (1999), 201-234.

[2] Nigel M. Healey, Vladimir Leksin, and Aleksandr Svetsov. "The Municipalization of Enterprise-Owned 'Social Assets' in Russia," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 15 (1999), 262-280.

[3] Joan DeBardeleben. "Attitudes Toward Privatisation in Russia," *Europe-Asia Studies* 51 (1999), 447-465.

**Week 9. NATION-BUILDING IN MULTI-ETHNIC SOCIETIES. (March 8)**

***Read for March 8:***

[1] Arunas Juska. "Ethno-political Transformation in the States of the Former USSR," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 22 (1999), 534-553.

[2] Katherine E. Graney. "Education Reform in Tatarstan and Bashkortostan: Sovereignty Projects in Post-Soviet Russia," *Europe-Asia Studies* 51 (1999), 61-632.

[3] Daniel S. Treisman. "Russia's 'Ethnic Revival': The Separatist Activism of Regional Leaders in a Postcommunist Order," *World Politics* (1997), 212-249.

[4] Dmitry Gorenburg. "Regional Separatism in Russia: Ethnic Mobilisation or Power Grab?" *Europe-Asia Studies* 51 (1999): 245-274.

**Week 10. DEBATE: POLICY OPTIONS IN CHECHNYA. (March 15)**

***Policy memoranda due by Friday, March 17.***