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MWF 9:30 - 11:20AM

Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union

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Proletarians of All Countries Unite, Soviet propaganda poster

Join us to explore one of the world's most complex societies and its rapidly changing political system.

Russia continues to play an outsized role in contemporary geopolitics, through its challenges to territorial sovereignty of neighboring states and its broader influence across the post-Soviet region.

At the same time, Russia is a diverse and multifaceted society shaped by the legacies of empire, communism, post-Soviet transformation, and the growth of authoritarianism and nationalism.

In this course, we will examine these dynamics through a situated perspective, asking how contemporary political problems are understood and experienced within Russia and across the wider region.