Russia's Role in Modern Geopolitics Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Analyze the core principles and historical influences shaping Russia?ÇÖs foreign policy and its pursuit of great power status.
2. Assess Russia's use of **disinformation, cyberattacks, and proxy forces** as instruments of statecraft.
3. Understand how Russia uses its vast energy resources as a **strategic leverage** in global markets and against key rivals.
4. Explore Russia's continued influence and security interests in the **post-Soviet space** and its near-abroad.
5. Investigate the deepening **geopolitical alignment** between Russia and China and its implications for the global balance of power.
6. Identify the key internal and external factors that drive Russian decision-making, including domestic politics and security concerns.
7. Understand the ideological underpinnings of Russia?ÇÖs soft power and its support for Russian-speaking communities abroad.
8. Examine Russia?ÇÖs involvement in conflict zones like **Ukraine, Syria, and the Sahel** and its impact on regional stability.
9. Evaluate the effectiveness and geopolitical consequences of international sanctions on the Russian economy.
10. Analyze the modernization of the Russian Armed Forces and its role in projecting power and influence.
11. Grasp Russia?ÇÖs burgeoning strategic interests and competition in the **Arctic** and **Indo-Pacific** regions.
12. Develop the capacity to anticipate Russian actions and **formulate effective strategic and policy responses**.
13. Engage in critical discussion on the long-term trajectory of relations between Russia, the United States, and NATO.

Organizational Benefits

- Develop a deeper understanding of geopolitical risks and opportunities to inform business strategy, investment decisions, and long-term planning.
- Better anticipate and mitigate risks associated with Russian market exposure, supply chain vulnerabilities, and political instability.
- Equip leadership and teams with the knowledge to make confident decisions in a volatile global environment.
- Gain a distinct edge by understanding the geopolitical landscape and its impact on competitors, partners, and emerging markets.
- Enhance the ability of diplomatic and corporate representatives to engage with Russian entities and navigate complex international negotiations.
- Strengthen organizational security by understanding the nature of **hybrid threats** and state-sponsored cyber risks.

Target Audience

1. Individuals working in foreign affairs, defense, and intelligence who need to understand Russian policy.
2. Leaders involved in international trade, finance, and energy sectors with interests in Russian markets.
3. Professionals assessing geopolitical risks, cybersecurity threats, and state-sponsored activities.
4. Reporters and editors covering international news, conflicts, and global politics.
5. Researchers, graduate students, and scholars of international relations, political science, and security studies.
6. Staff of humanitarian and advocacy groups operating in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
7. Experts in oil, gas, and mining needing to understand Russia's role as a major energy producer.
8. Military officers and intelligence analysts focused on Russian military capabilities and strategic intentions.

Course Outline

Module 1: Historical and Ideological Foundations of Russian Geopolitics

- Historical Legacy: Tracing the roots of Russian state identity from the Tsarist empire to the Soviet Union and its impact on contemporary strategic thinking.
- Eurasianism: Exploring the core tenets of Eurasianism and its influence on Russia's concept of a distinct civilizational sphere.
- Geographical Determinism: Analyzing how Russia's vast geography, including its lack of warm-water ports, has shaped its security-focused foreign policy.
- Ideological Drivers: Understanding the blend of historical resentment, great power ambition, and a perceived "moral exceptionalism" that fuels Russian policy.
- **Case Study**: The Annexation of Crimea (2014) - Examining how historical grievances and geopolitical calculations were used to justify territorial expansion and test international norms.

Module 2: The Post-Soviet Space: Russia's Near-Abroad

- Sphere of Influence: Assessing Russia?ÇÖs continued efforts to maintain and expand its influence over former Soviet republics.
- Security Alliances: Examining the role of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) and other Russia-led security blocs.
- Economic Integration: The formation and challenges of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) as a counterbalance to Western economic influence.

- Frozen Conflicts: Analyzing the dynamics of "frozen conflicts" in regions like Transnistria, Abkhazia, and South Ossetia as a tool for political leverage.
- **Case Study**: The War in Georgia (2008) - A deep dive into how Russia used military intervention to assert its authority and prevent Georgia's NATO integration.

Module 3: Energy and Economic Geopolitics

- Energy Superpower.
- Pipeline Politics: Analyzing the geopolitical implications of major energy infrastructure projects, such as Nord Stream 2 and Power of Siberia.
- Economic Sanctions: Evaluating the impact of Western sanctions on the Russian economy and its attempts to pivot to non-Western markets.
- Sovereign Wealth: Investigating the role of Russia's national wealth fund and its strategy to insulate the economy from external shocks.
- **Case Study**: The European Gas Crisis (2022) - Exploring how Russia?ÇÖs manipulation of gas supplies was used as a geopolitical weapon in response to sanctions.

Module 4: Hybrid Warfare and Information Operations

- Defining Hybrid Warfare: Deconstructing the concept of hybrid warfare and its application in contemporary Russian strategy.
- Cyber Warfare.
- Disinformation Campaigns.
- Proxy Forces.
- **Case Study**: The U.S. Presidential Election (2016) - A detailed examination of alleged Russian interference and its impact on democratic processes.

Module 5: Russia's Role in Global Conflicts

- Syria Intervention.
- African Engagement: Exploring Russia's expanding military, political, and economic footprint in Africa, particularly through arms deals and PMCs.
- Arctic Competition.
- Venezuela and Latin America.
- **Case Study**: The Second Libyan Civil War - Analyzing Russia's support for General Haftar's forces and its strategy to secure a foothold in North Africa.

Module 6: Russia's Military and Nuclear Doctrine

- Military Modernization.
- Nuclear Posture.
- Strategic Exercises.
- Non-Proliferation.
- **Case Study**: The Russia-Ukraine War (2022-present) - A deep dive into the operational successes and failures of the Russian military and the strategic lessons learned from the conflict.

Module 7: The China-Russia Strategic Partnership

- Shared Interests.
- Economic and Military Cooperation.
- Belt and Road Initiative.

- Points of Divergence.
- **Case Study**: The "No Limits" Partnership Declaration (2022) - Examining the substance and symbolism of the joint statement and its implications for global politics.

Module 8: Future Scenarios and Global Implications

- Future Trajectories: Developing and debating different scenarios for Russia's future geopolitical role, from continued confrontation to potential rapprochement with the West.
- Internal Dynamics: Assessing the influence of domestic political stability, economic reforms, and leadership succession on Russia?ÇÖs foreign policy.
- Global Impact.
- Policy Recommendations.
- **Case Study**: The Future of NATO - A discussion on how Russia?ÇÖs actions have reshaped the alliance, led to the accession of new members (e.g., Finland, Sweden), and revitalized its sense of purpose.

Training Methodology

This course employs a **blended learning approach** to maximize engagement and knowledge retention. Methods include:

- **Expert-Led Lectures**: Delivered by seasoned academics, former diplomats, and intelligence professionals.
- **Interactive Seminars**: Facilitated group discussions to critically analyze complex topics and share insights.
- **Case Study Analysis**: Detailed examination of real-world events to apply theoretical concepts to practical situations.
- **Simulations and Role-Playing**: Engaging participants in geopolitical scenarios to develop strategic thinking and decision-making skills under pressure.
- **Guest Speaker Sessions**: Q&A sessions with leading experts and policymakers.
- **Required Readings and Resource Hub**: Access to curated articles, reports, and academic papers for in-depth study.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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