

## **US-Russia Post-Cold War Relations**

This course examines one of the most consequential geopolitical relationships of the post-Cold War era: the relationship between the United States and Russia. It combines a historical, chronological perspective on the US relationship with Russia, under each American administration after 1989, with a debate on the current developments and their broader global impact.

The course uses historical lessons to make sense of the present and enables students to interpret contemporary events through patterns of foreign policy behavior that have characterized the US-Russia relations. Among other aspects, the course covers several attempts of “reset” undertaken by different US administrations in regard to Russia, as well as ideological foundations of Putinism and the drivers of Russia’s behavior in the international arena. The course is interactive, students are encouraged to discuss current events, explore possible outcomes and ask questions.

The course starts with an inquiry on why, despite many attempts, it has been so difficult to establish a stable and predictable post-Cold War relationship between the United States and Russia. By the end of the course, students acquire a foundational understanding of the post-Cold War US-Russia relation and develop the analytical tools necessary to provide usable input and analysis for decision makers and stakeholders in the field of security and diplomacy.