



FILOZOFICKÁ FAKULTA
Univerzita Karlova



Boris Nemtsov
Foundation for Freedom

RUSSIAN STUDIES

**BORIS
NEMTSOV**
**EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMME**

Master's degree programme of Charles University (Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Social Sciences) supported by Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom

KEY FACTS

EUROPEAN MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

accredited at Charles University

2 YEARS

duration

RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH

language of instruction

FOCUS

Comprehensive study of Russian politics and society as well as the environment of the post-Soviet world provided by highly qualified scholars with vast experience in the region


PROGRAMME MISSION

1 Advancing knowledge of Russia and the post-Soviet region


2 Fostering interaction between Russian and international scholars and students

3 Educating new generations of researchers, politicians, and journalists with a critical view of Russian history, politics, and social structure


LEARNING OVERVIEW



Russian history, society, and politics after 1991



Multidisciplinary approaches for the comparative study of Russia, post-Soviet Central and Eastern Europe, and Eurasia



Understanding of Russian regime evolution and failed democratic transition, economic transformation, patterns of foreign policy, external and internal colonialism, social fragmentation, work of propaganda and independent media



PROGRAMME DESIGN

The programme consists of 7 core courses and a range of elective courses to build your specialization

7 core courses

CORE COURSES

introduce key areas of study

ELECTIVE COURSES

aim to expand knowledge in the chosen specialization

GUEST LECTURES

by policymakers, entrepreneurs, journalists, and intellectuals

List of elective courses to be updated annually according to the academic needs of students

CURRICULUM CORE COURSES



Evolution of Russia's political system after 1991



Russia's foreign policy in post-Soviet Russia



Research methodology



Comparative analysis of political regimes in the region



Russian society after 1991



The role of media in post-Soviet Russia



Economics of post-Communist transition

CURRICULUM

ELECTIVE COURSES

Students will choose courses from 4 “baskets” to acquire a specialization

1

Society, Domestic
Policy, and
Economy of Post-
Soviet Russia

2

Russia’s Foreign Policy
after the Collapse of
the USSR

3

Language and Symbols of
Contemporary Russian
Politics and Culture,
Problems of Identity

4

Journalism and Media
Landscape in Modern
Russia

*The list of courses will be revised annually to meet academic needs and interests of students

CURRICULUM

ELECTIVE COURSES (examples)

Putinism and Authoritarian Revanchism in Russia

Disinformation, Sanctions, Foreign Agents

Religion and Confessions in Modern Russia

Central Asia in the Post-Soviet Period

Nationalism, Minorities, and Identity Conflicts in Russia

The Role of Russia in International Organizations (UN, OSCE, Council of Europe)

Historical Consciousness and Identity in Russia: From The Empire To The Putin Era

Russia-Belarusian Relations in The Post-Soviet Period

Russia and its Neighbors

APPLICANTS

We expect our alums to use gained expertise for the benefit and development of their countries and the whole world

Young Russians motivated to rebuild the country and meaningfully contribute to the creation of robust and sustainable democratic institutions after the fall of the Putin regime

Citizens of other countries wishing to improve their knowledge of Russia and the region and its role in global political, economic, and social developments



ADMISSION PROCESS

20 applicants
to be admitted

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- **BA DIPLOMA**
or **EQUIVALENT**
required documents
- **MARCH 31**
2024
application deadline
- **[SUBMIT](#) »**
application form

ADMISSION EXAM

- **ORAL EXAM**
discussion on Russian
history, politics, and society
in English and Russian
- **1/06/2024 –**
14/06/2024
exam dates
(preliminary)
- **17/06/2024 –**
21/06/2024
extra examination
date

in-person or online

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS



admission process contact
prijimacky@ff.cuni.cz

ADMISSION EXAM

SUBJECT	SCORES	LANGUAGE
Post-Soviet Russian Politics and Society	40	Russian
Russian History	40	Russian
Motivation	20	English

50 threshold score

the **passing score** is determined by the results of the admission campaign



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1

Russian language skills — C1, C2

2

English language skills — B2

3

Knowledge of the post-Soviet
Russian history, politics, and
social dynamics

TUITION FEES

In the Czech Republic, academic programmes taught in foreign languages are required by law to charge tuition fees

140,000 CZK annual
≈ 5700 EUR tuition fee

SCHOLARSHIPS

We want all interested, qualified students to be admitted and not be deterred by the tuition fees

\$500 USD/month

the Nemtsov Foundation will provide for 6 months
(can be extended for 6 months extra)

up to 15 APPLICANTS

- ✓ high scores on the entrance exam
- ✓ can prove financial need



[Application form for scholarship and visa support from the Nemtsov Foundation](#)



Scholarships and visa support contact email
russianstudies@nemtsovfund.org

COOPERATION WITHIN ERASMUS+

ERASMUS+ framework will allow us to invite guest professors teaching special courses on sociology, transitional justice, public policy & good governance, and media and send our students to European universities for one or two semesters

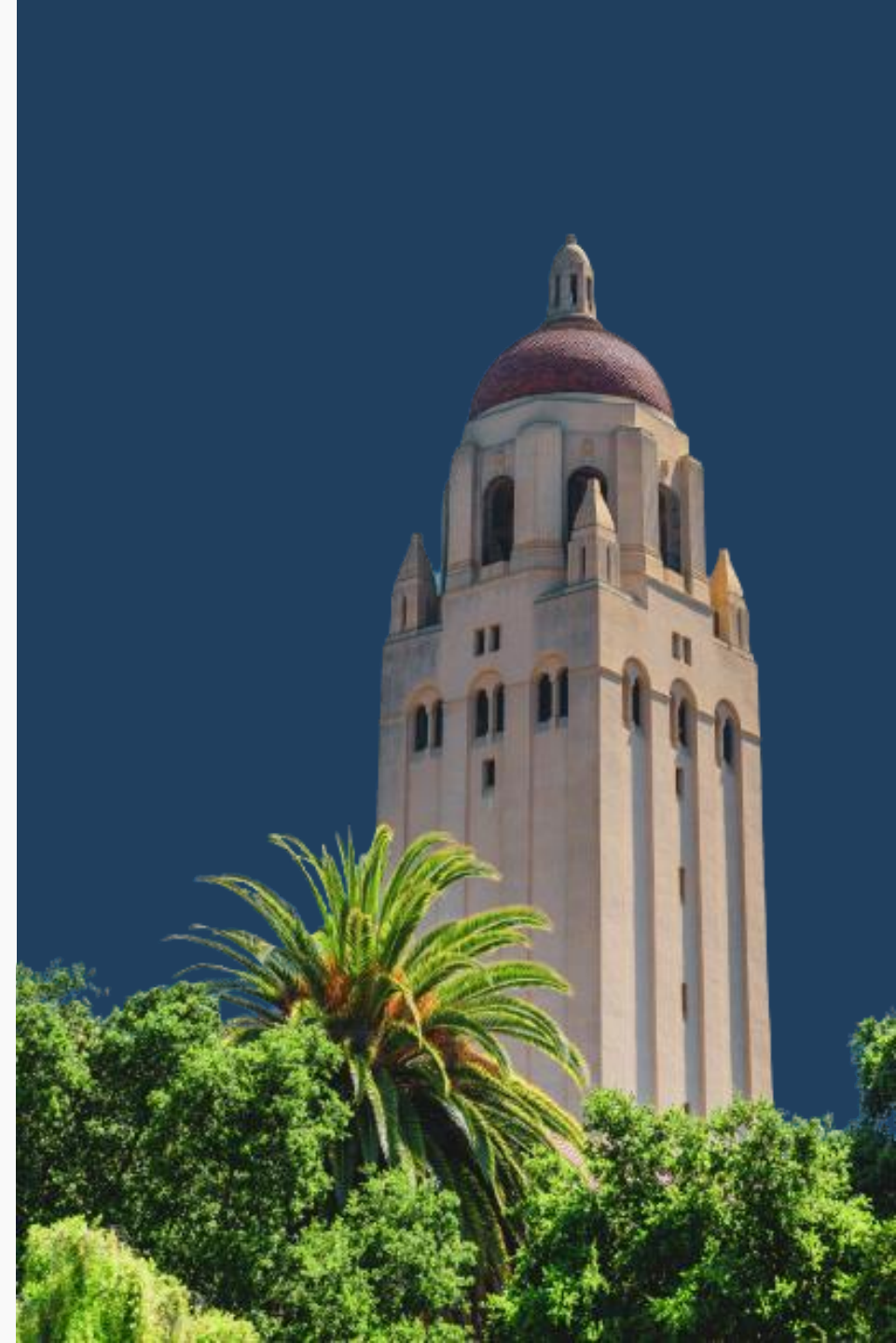
Sciences Po and Ruhr-Universität Bochum are our key ERASMUS+ partners with more partnerships in development



COLLABORATION WITH STANFORD

The Stanford U.S.-Russia Forum (SURF) is a student exchange program that brings together around 25 Russian and American students to work on joint projects.

The project implies online sessions and three annual conferences in 2024, 2025, and 2026



“ *In cooperation with the Boris Nemtsov Educational Foundation's MA program, the SURF program will produce collaborative research by students from both countries on core issues of mutual interest to American and Russian participants.*

Now more than ever there is an increased need for better mutual understanding and opportunities for person-to-person dialogue on common areas of interest. The SURF program anticipates a time when relations between the US and Russia are eventually more productive and constructive.

We seek, therefore, to build a foundation in the expectation that at some point, we will return to a time when the Russian and American governments and societies can constructively collaborate

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**KATHRYN STONER,
MOSBACHER DIRECTOR OF CDDRL AT STANFORD**

LEADERSHIP



Dr. Eva Lehečková

Dean of the Faculty of Arts,
Charles University



Zhanna Nemtsova

Co-Founder, Boris Nemtsov
Foundation



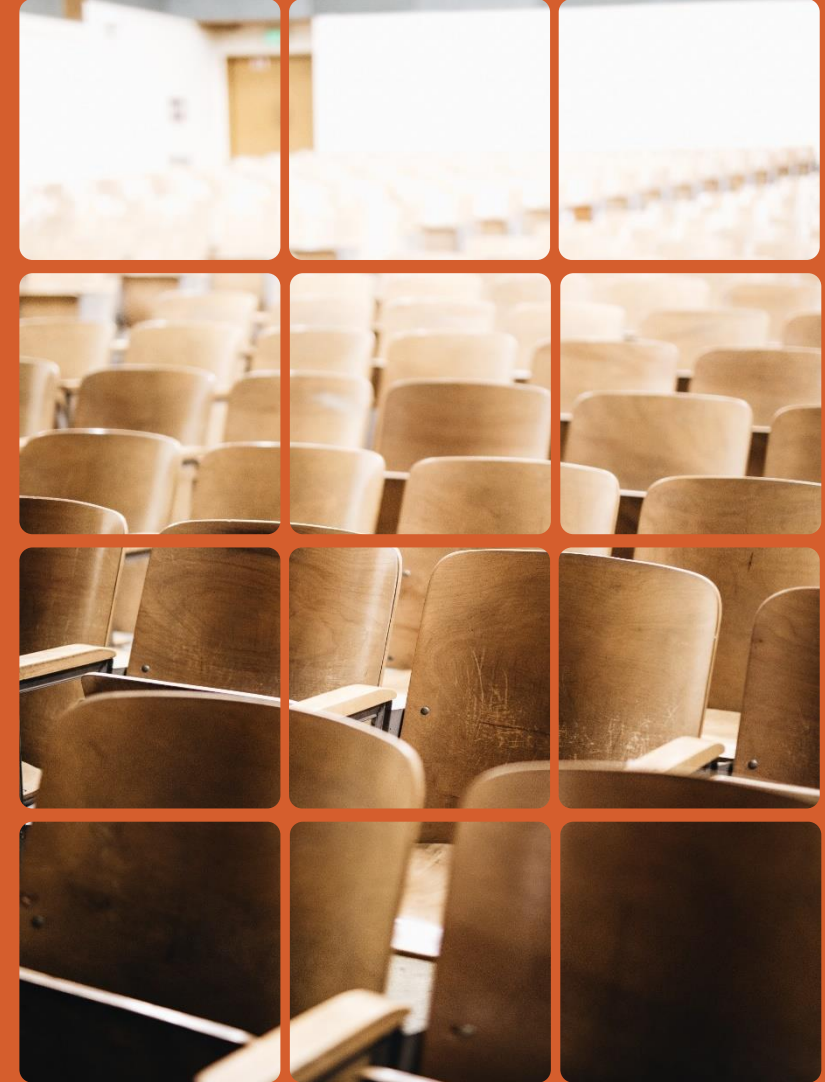
Dr. Marek Prihoda

Co-Director, Boris Nemtsov
Academic Center for the Study
of Russia (Faculty of Arts,
Charles University)

FACULTY

- Russian-speaking scholars at risk
- Czech professors
- Guest lecturers from Europe, the United States, and Israel

Part of our mission is to support qualified scholars-at-risk from the region



KEY FACULTY



**Alena Markova,
PH.D**

- Modern History of Central and Eastern Europe
- Studies of Nationalism and National Identity
- Language Policy
- Post-Soviet Transformation Processes



**Maria Kuznetsova,
MA**

- History of Post-Soviet Russia
- Historical Politics and Memory Research
- Totalitarianism and Post-Totalitarian Society



**Sergei Medvedev,
PH.D**

- Political History of Russia
- Theories of Social and Political Transformation

KEY FACULTY



**Marek Prihoda,
PH.D**

- Russian History



**Ekaterina Rycheva,
PH.D**

- Modern Russian Language and Media Language
- The Language of Advertising and Politics
- The Language of Modern Russian and Soviet Cinema



**Dmitry Dubrovsky,
PH.D**

- Human Rights
- Minority Studies
- Academic Rights and Freedoms in Russia



**Ivan Fomin,
PH.D**

- Methodology and Research Methods of Political Science and Economics

VISITING PROFESSORS

Leading international experts on Russia and the region will teach short-term courses

**TIMOTHY
FRYE**



**PhD in Political Science, Professor at
Columbia University, USA**

- Post-Communist Political and Economic Transition
- Comparative Political Science

**ANAT
GOFEN**



**PhD in Political Science, Associate
Professor at the Hebrew University
of Jerusalem, Israel**

- The Role of Outliers in the Evolvement
- Design and Implications of Public Policy with Emphasis on the Interrelationships Between Citizens
- Government and Policy Implementation

**ANDREJ
RICHTER**



**PhD, professor at Comenius
University in Bratislava, Slovakia**

- International Standards for Media Regulation
- Legal Foundations of Internet Journalism

CONTACTS

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