The China-Russia Convergence in a New Global Order

Course Content

The course will comprise five weekly sessions of 75 minutes each, consisting of lectures illustrated with PowerPoint slides, with time reserved at the end of each session for questions and open discussion. Before each session, suggested background readings will be sent by email to registered students.

This will be a team-taught course. Because the instructors have backgrounds in assessing Chinese and Russian developments respectively, they will both participate in the presentations for most topics addressed, and in fielding questions during the open discussion period.

This will be a hybrid course. The Virtual Assistant (VA) will curate questions and comments by online students employing the Chat function, grouping them by topic so the instructors can address them as a bloc during the open discussion period. The VA will also prepare recordings of the class sessions; the instructor will send a link to the class recording to accompany the background readings that are emailed to students between sessions.

The overall progression of the course will be as follows:


Session Four – Pitfalls and Flashpoints. Potential Strains in the China-Russia Convergence as the War in Ukraine Unfolds. Economic Challenges. Repercussions of Russia's Being Seen as “Junior Partner” to China. The Taiwan, North Korea, and South China Sea Wildcards.