

# Student Feedback Questionnaire

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- Q12 I would recommend this course to other students. 2  
(Please specify why 'yes' or 'no' in the section below)

### 5. Free Text

- Q14 Comments *The subject is very interesting and definitely something we could have more of in Durham. The readings were excellent. ~~Maybe~~ Maybe a more seminar-like setup would be even better.*
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Yes. I would however schedule this module to take place during Michaelmas Term instead of ~~Jan~~ Jan-Feb, as it is summative season, which ~~is~~ greatly limits the amount of extra time one can allocate for this module.

Overall, the course was very interesting and I like how it was structured thematically.

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*I think more seminar-like discussion would be beneficial. More student involvement and less lecture-like. Probably with on readings instead of a bit more, but overall very nice experience.*

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I would have preferred a more seminar-oriented and more interactive module. The materials and the readings were ~~also~~ all great! I would have preferred a stronger focus on the topic and a lesser focus on policy paper writing.

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It taught me how to write a policy paper and made me understand many dynamics on different sections of the Russian society and state.

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The course structure was well organized and the material used was ~~at~~ on point in order to understand dynamics never encountered in my academic studies. One improvement would be to add a unit on <sup>foreign</sup> international Relations and the foreign policy implemented by the Russian State.

Overall it was very interesting and stimulating to learn the major issues in nation building in Russia, and ~~more~~ <sup>also</sup> learning how to write a policy paper.

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I have really enjoyed the subject of nation-building in Russia and felt like I have learnt a lot. I enjoyed less learning about policy papers but this is due to my own personal interests. I found the reading interesting and engaging, ~~but~~ but I could have done with some more guidance on how to isolate a single social problem

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provides you with general understanding of issues that RF faces today

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Безопасно,  
спасибо!

This course has been useful, due to its structure covering the different socio-economic aspects in relation to RF as well as its politics relating to aspects of religion, ethnicity, migration, etc. Hence, it provided a good overview of how RF deals with those aspects. Additionally, the integration of policy paper writing has critically challenged my idea of political writing

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I feel like I have learned a lot about Russia. I find that everybody thinks they know a lot about Russia and people are very opinionated, when they actually know nothing. I think that the course equipped me with a broader knowledge for discussing Russia in general, as well as specific issues dominating Russian politics and society. The reading material was very interesting and appropriate to the course.  
Improvements - lectures repeated the powerpoint quite a lot. I do not feel that confident about writing a policy paper - a bit more practical work would have been useful.



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*The skill of writing a policy paper is incredibly useful specifically as I hope to work in environmental policy in the future.*

*Additionally, I have hoped to study contemporary Russia since I began my course in Durham & this course gave me a full understanding of certain issues in Russia (though these issues themselves had a fairly narrow range).*