

**HRES 6158**

**DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Russian and East European Studies**

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**SOVIET AND POST-SOVIET RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY**

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**TRINITY TERM 2007**

**Tuesday 12 June, 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Please start the answer to each question on a separate sheet.

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions.

Do **not** turn over until told that you may do so.

1. 'Stalin's foreign policy was that of a "super-Realist".' Discuss.
2. Did the changes in Soviet foreign policy in the second half of the 1950s mark a tactical adjustment or a strategic departure in thinking and action?
3. 'Military and economic pressures had little to do with the shifts in Soviet foreign policy between 1985 and 1989.' Discuss.
4. Compare and contrast Moscow's policy towards Beijing in the Soviet and post-Soviet periods.
5. 'Russian policy towards the West in the Yeltsin era was shaped less by external constraints than by domestic political factors.' Discuss.
6. Examine the determinants of Putin's policy towards the United States since 2000.
7. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of Russia's management of its relations with Ukraine.
8. How far has Moscow pursued an imperialist policy in Central Asia since 1992?
9. How effectively has Russia been able to use its energy resources to further its priorities within the CIS?
10. In what ways are Constructivist approaches helpful in explaining Moscow's policies in Europe since 1992?

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