



**MEDIA IN RUSSIA**  
(P2EC.00.197) 3 ECTS

**Lecturer:**

**Dr. Jukka Pietiläinen** is senior researcher at Aleksandteri Institute at the University of Helsinki. His research activities focus on Russian mass media, Russian society in general and foreign news flow. He is currently finishing a book on Russian magazines.

**The course focuses on current journalism situation in the modern Russian Federation – a topic that is controversial and often under world’s attention. What is the role of media in Russia and what kind of developments the media has undergone during past twenty years?**

In Russian Federation media performs a substantial role in affecting results of political elections, attitudes towards internal and foreign affairs, business, etc. Therefore, it is important to understand what kind of information people receive through media, how do they process it, and which sources do they trust. There are significant variations in media developments in different regions, and as a result, we can also witness, for example, the differences in support for the leading party. In order to understand the ongoing processes the course will explain the main media developments since 1985, the structure of the mass media and the attitude among the locals towards the censorship.

**Having successfully participated in the course student is able to:**

- discuss over developments in Russian Media since 1985 and under Putin era;
- know about basic structures in Russian media system and factors influencing the Russian media;
- understand knowledge on media related attitudes of Russians;
- assess the future developments in Russian media.

**Time and place:**

Mo 10.15 - 12.00 weeks 27, 28  
Mo 16.15 - 18.00 weeks 27, 28  
Tue 14.15 - 16.00 week 27  
We 16.15 - 18.00 weeks 27, 28  
Fri 10.15 - 12.00 weeks 27, 28  
Fri 12.15 - 14.00 weeks 28

Lectures will take place at **Lossi 36- 103, Tartu**

**Evaluation:**

- Active participation in lectures
- Essay or lecture diary