



SEMESTER TWO 2023-2024

ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

IP21820/IP31820 RUSSIAN SECURITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Time allowed: **2 HOURS**.

Please answer **TWO** questions from the list provided.

CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER
WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer
book(s) and the attendance slip **ONLY**.

**DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL
INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

1. To what extent have the legacies of Gorbachev's policies contributed to the formulation of independent Russia's security strategies?
2. Explore the connection between domestic political factors in Russia and the aftermath of the First Chechen War (1994-1996). Discuss ONE or TWO domestic factors such as political protests, regional pressures for disintegration, religious tensions, and ethnic tensions. How do internal dynamics influence Moscow's security policy?
3. Analyse Russia's use of soft power in the context of its relations with the West. How does Moscow employ soft power strategies to enhance its security interests in the Western world?
4. Examine the internal and external security implications of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. How has the invasion reshaped regional dynamics, and what challenges and opportunities has it presented for Moscow's security agenda?
5. Explain how Russia's approach to security influences its role on the global stage. Provide specific examples to support your analysis.