

## **The EU, the Council of Europe and Russia**

The course offers understanding of the Russia-EU relationships through exploring history, current state and prospects for future development. The course will analyze the political and legal basis for the Russia-EU partnership, Russia-EU cooperation in various spheres, and bilateral cooperation with individual EU countries. It will deal with the place of Europe in Russian foreign policy and the place of Russia in the European foreign policy.

The second part of the course deals specifically with the membership of Russia in the Council of Europe, the relations between Russia and the CoE, participation of Russia in CoE institutions.

The course covers the following sections:

- The history of Russia-EU relations, political basis, relations
- Russia in the Council of Europe, parliamentary assembly, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, CoE treaties ratified by Russia, ECHR and ECtHR.