

Europeanisation of Russia?

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Europeanisation in Russia: theoretical studies

- **Historical studies**

- ‘the process of constant and targeted mastering and use of various western European practices in Russia, which gradually was becoming a part of its internal life and was reflected in its international position’ (Chernikova 2014)

- **Education reform**

- frequently make use of the term ‘europeanisation’ without defining it
- do not look at the role of the EU

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- EU-isation is ‘the process of ideational, institutional and policy transformation within EU members and other European states whose major force emanates from the EU as a centre of political discourse... directed towards the achievement of EU core values and political objectives’
- Russian studies of EU-isation mostly review western works or apply the concept to the EU, candidate countries and shared neighbourhood
- It conflicts with Russian demands of sovereignty and equality in the IR
- Some studies of Russia’s EU-isation (Novikov, Meloni, Romanova, Kalinichenko, Petrov & Kalinichenko, Gänzle & Müntel, Obydenkova, Yarovoi)



Europeanisation vs. EU-isation

- Russian voluntary process
- No question of Russian European credentials
- Surface europeanisation
- Elite-driven
- Promoted by the EU (has subjectivity)
- Challenges Russian Europeanness → challenge to equality
- Value-based EU-isation
- Oriented towards wider civil society

What kind of EU-isation?

Value-based EU-isation

- philosophy / world view / policy paradigm
- Russian challenges

Technical EU-isation

- problem definitions / programmatic ideas / policy instruments,
- Russia agrees with

Defying value-based EU-isation

- Assertion of Russia's Europeanness
- Defying and belittling the EU
 - Not standing up to its values
 - Various crises in its territory
- Russia advancing an alternative set of values
 - What human rights
 - Where democracy
 - What kind of rule of law
 - Non-revision of history
 - Alternative to liberal values

Accepting technical EU- isation

- Article 55 of the PCA
- Common spaces à Engaging in numerous sectoral dialogues
- Further upgraded through the Partnership for Modernisation
- Rosstandart and CEN / CENLEC
- Successes: competition policy, energy saving, transit of gas, company law, consumer protection

EU-isation and Eurasian integration

- Denial of any form of independent EU-isation to neighbouring countries
- Promotion of the Eurasian integration as a technical one
- Support for technical EU-isation but between the EU and the EAEU

**HENCE, RUSSIAN POSITION ON EU-ISATION IS
MORE COMPLEX**

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