

Post-Soviet Communication

“Russian Perspective”: Final Project

In Weeks 15 - 16, students are expected to present their *Final Project: Russian Perspective* (100 points total). The project is designed to bring together all the knowledge that students have completed through independent study and communication with Russian peers, colleagues, nationals, and with individuals able to present their expert opinion. The project consists of Topic Report, Structure Report, Presentation and Paper. For the deadline of each component, see the schedule. You will be evaluated on:

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| 1) Topic Report | 5 points |
| 2) Structure Report | 15 points |
| 3) Project Paper | 40 points |
| 4) Project Presentation | 40 points |

Topic Report (450 – 500 words, 5 points) defines a mass media and communication problem related to post-Soviet Russia. Lectures and Reading are supposed to give you some background to support your topic initiative, however you will be assessed on the originality and significance of the problem and on how you approach it.

Structure Report (450 – 500 words, 15 points) speaks to how you “learn by doing” and basically includes three components:

- Preliminary research of the problem (5 points),
- List of media sources and/or academic articles you are planning to use – not less than 7 (5 points)
- Mode of presentation (ppts, recorded or videotaped interviews, YouTube clips, etc.) (5 points).

You are encouraged to present a plan on how you will examine your problem in actual interview with Russian peers, nationals, and experts in Russian studies. You will be assessed on the quality of your actual communication with your Russian respondents. You are expected to present a Russian perspective to a certain problem.

Project Paper (1900 – 2000 words) summarizes your topic research and the arguments presented in mass media and in your interview communication.

Presentation contains the explanation of the problem, the results of your research and preferably some visuals to be demonstrated in class. It might contain a Skype or personal communication, video-clips of “interview” recordings. Your Presentation will be evaluated by your peers in class (see Rubrics for Presentation Peer Review in Lesson 12) that will be taken in consideration in the grading.