

Can the unravelling European security regime be saved?

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- **Puzzle:** to what extent is the European security regime challenged by tensions in EU-Russia relations and the crisis in Ukraine?

- **Regimes**

- principles

- norms

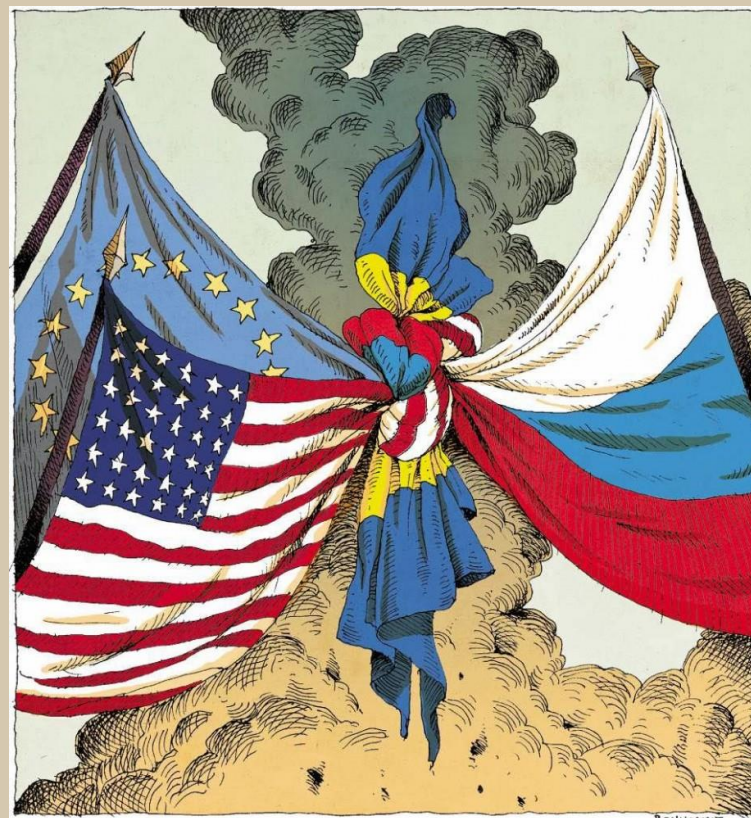
- rules

- decision-making procedures, commonly accepted
in specific areas of international society

- ➔ structured patterns of cooperation**

- **European Security Regime**

- Helsinki Final Act (1975) and revisions
- “Common, comprehensive and indivisible security”
- Decalogue (normative core)
- Security treaties
- CSCE/OSCE structures
- Consensus and cooperation



- Is the European Security Regime challenged in its principles and norms?
- Or are current tensions in EU-Russia relations challenging *only* existing rules and procedures?

- **Argument:**

- Oran Young distinguishes negotiated and imposed orders, to explain change
- European security regime *was* a negotiated order
- But current format resembles an imposed order

- Three elements affect change:
 - 1. Power imbalances**
 - post-Cold War enhanced role of EU and NATO, marginalisation of OSCE and Russia
 - Russia's challenge to western normative domination

2. Internal contradictions

- Principles of self-determination vs. territorial integrity
- Humanitarian and democratic principles vs. sovereignty and non-interference in domestic affairs
- Ex: ratification of CFE Treaty; NATO intervention in Kosovo; frozen conflicts in Eurasia; Platform for Co-operative Security

3. Exogenous Factors

- Post-9/11 Global War on Terror
- Transnational terrorism
- Organised crime
- Migratory pressures

EU-RUSSIA AND UKRAINE CONFLICT

- **Divergent understandings of security**
- **EU**
 - Normative conceptions: democracy, HR, RoL, market economy
 - Comprehensive and structural security
 - New hard security tools

- **Divergent understandings of security**
- **Russia**
 - Focus on hard security – military modernisation
 - Link to domestic stability
 - Medvedev's European Security Treaty

- **Ukraine conflict and the European Security Regime**
 - Violation of fundamental principles
 - Breach of trust
 - Competitive views of pan-European security:
 - Fundamental principles
 - Leading institutions

Thank you very much!

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