

Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Historical and Geopolitical Context

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This timely mini-series on Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine will provide a detailed analysis in three parts, focusing on the complex history of two countries, post-soviet development, and the current state of affairs. Join [Dr. Milana Nikolko](#) for an exploration of history, politics, and international relations discourse, to better understand the context for the current conflict. Our last lecture will include a conversation with [Dr. Dani Belo](#) from Webster University, USA. Dr. Belo has expertise in the security situation in the region, as well as Russia's policies toward neighbouring countries.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Dr. Nikolko will present this online lecture series from a broadcast booth in the new [Carleton University at Kanata innovation space](#).

Schedule of topics (each week's lecture will contain two sections, with time for questions and answers):

Week 1

From Kyivan Rus to the USSR: why does Russo-Ukrainian history matter so much today?

Week 2

The Collapse of the Soviet Union resulted in a democratic transit and reshaping of European state borders, economic and security cooperation. During this lecture, we will analyze the roles that both Ukraine and Russia play in regional transition.

Week 3

The last lecture will focus on a few questions about the war in Europe: What triggered Russia's invasion of Ukraine? What are the possible scenarios to end the war? What will the new security architecture in Europe will look like after the war?

This week will include guest speaker Dr. Dani Belo from Webster University, USA.