

# Russia and the World:

## *A Long View of the Invasion of Ukraine*

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Russia's attack on Ukraine has created a consensus of judgment in the West, and with good reason it is a comprehensive condemnation. The moment also requires inquiry and reflection but these are in short supply. Russian actions are so well beyond the acceptable bounds of conduct, and the Russian assault so harmful to so many people and to Russia itself, we would do well to try to explain them.

**The purpose of this lecture is to consider the domestic and geopolitical development of Russia since 1991 and consider the conditions that produced the catastrophe that began in February 2022. Some of these factors are external to Russia; others are entirely home-grown.**

**Thursday, April 14th, 12:15-1:20 p.m. Henderson Auditorium in Quigley Hall**  
Lunch is provided



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