

The Ukraine Crisis and the Ruinous Contest for Post-Soviet Eurasia: Adelphi 460

The Ukraine crisis is the most serious security crisis in Europe since the end of the Cold War. It has raised fundamental questions about the future of European security and the role of Russia in the post-Soviet space. This Adelphi paper examines the origins, dynamics, and implications of the crisis, and argues that it is part of a broader contest for influence in post-Soviet Eurasia between Russia and the West. The paper concludes that the crisis is likely to have a long-term impact on European security and that it is essential for the West to develop a coherent strategy to deal with the challenges posed by Russia.



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The Origins of the Crisis

The roots of the Ukraine crisis lie in the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. The collapse of the Soviet Union left a power vacuum in Eurasia, which Russia has sought to fill. Russia has used a variety of means to assert its influence in the post-Soviet space, including economic pressure, military intervention, and support for separatist movements. The Ukraine crisis is the latest manifestation of Russia's efforts to maintain its influence in the post-Soviet space.

The Dynamics of the Crisis

The Ukraine crisis began in 2014 with the annexation of Crimea by Russia. This was followed by the outbreak of a separatist conflict in eastern Ukraine, which has resulted in the deaths of over 10,000 people. The conflict has also led to the displacement of over 1 million people and the destruction of much of eastern Ukraine's infrastructure. The crisis has also had a significant impact on the Ukrainian economy, which has been plunged into recession.

The Implications of the Crisis

The Ukraine crisis has had a profound impact on European security. The crisis has undermined the post-Cold War order in Europe and has raised the risk of a wider conflict between Russia and the West. The crisis has also damaged the relationship between Russia and the West, and has made it more difficult to cooperate on other issues, such as the fight against terrorism and nuclear non-proliferation.

The Contest for Post-Soviet Eurasia

The Ukraine crisis is part of a broader contest for influence in post-Soviet Eurasia between Russia and the West. Russia sees the post-Soviet space

as its sphere of influence, and it is determined to prevent the West from gaining a foothold in the region. The West, on the other hand, sees the post-Soviet space as a region of vital interest, and it is committed to supporting the independence and sovereignty of the states in the region.

The Long-Term Impact of the Crisis

The Ukraine crisis is likely to have a long-term impact on European security. The crisis has undermined the post-Cold War order in Europe and has raised the risk of a wider conflict between Russia and the West. The crisis has also damaged the relationship between Russia and the West, and has made it more difficult to cooperate on other issues, such as the fight against terrorism and nuclear non-proliferation.

The Ukraine crisis is a serious threat to European security. The crisis is part of a broader contest for influence in post-Soviet Eurasia between Russia and the West. The West needs to develop a coherent strategy to deal with the challenges posed by Russia, and to support the independence and sovereignty of the states in the post-Soviet space.



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