

Russia's invasion of Ukraine: A colloquium

The ANU Centre for European Studies, The Australian National University

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Speakers

Prof Paul Dibb (ANU) is Emeritus Professor of strategic studies at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. He was Head of the Centre from 1991 to 2004. His previous positions include: Deputy Secretary for Strategy and Intelligence in the Department of Defence, Director of the Defence Intelligence Organisation, and Head of the National Assessments Staff in the National Intelligence Committee. Professor Dibb has written comprehensively about security issues in the Asia Pacific. He wrote the 1986 Review of Australia's Defence Capabilities (the Dibb Report) and was the primary author of the 1987 Defence White Paper.

Dr Stephen Fortescue (UNSW) is Honorary Associate Professor in Russian Politics at the University of New South Wales, and Visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Studies, Australian National University. His areas of research interest include the contemporary Russian policy-making process, business-state relations, and Russia's commercial involvement in the Asia Pacific. He received his PhD in Soviet Politics from the Australian National University.

Dr Elena Govor (ANU) is lecturer in the ANU School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics and an Australian writer and historian born in Minsk, Belarus. She specialises in the history of Russian-Australian contact. Since moving to Australia in 1990, Dr Govor has researched and written many publications about topics such as early Russian voyages to Australia and the history of early Russian émigré communities in Australia.

Dr Robert Horvath (La Trobe University) is a specialist on Russian Politics. His most recent book is 'Putin's Fascists: Russkii Obraz and the Politics of Managed Nationalism in Russia' (Routledge, 2021). It examines the relationship between the Putin regime and Russkii Obraz, a neo-nazi organization that became a major force on Russia's radical nationalist scene in 2008-10. He is also the author of "Putin's Preventive Counter-Revolution: Post-Soviet Authoritarianism and the Spectre of Velvet Revolution" (Routledge, 2013), a study of the programme of reforms and repression that transformed the face of Russian politics during Vladimir Putin's second term as president.

Mr Petr Kuzmin is the President of Svoboda Alliance VIC, a pro-democracy movement that formed in Australia and New Zealand following the arrest of Alexi Navalny in 2021. The Svoboda Alliance has hosted a number of protests emphasising the cultural and human ties between Russia and Ukraine.

Dr Sonia Mycak (ANU) is Ukrainian Studies Foundation in Australia Research Fellow in the Centre for European Studies at the Australian National University. Previously, she held research fellowships at the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales. Her expertise lies in literary studies, with a focus on immigrant and multicultural writing in Australia and Canada. Dr Mycak has been highly vocal about the human cost of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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A/Prof William Partlett (The University of Melbourne) is Associate Professor at Melbourne Law School. He writes and teaches in the field of public law. He holds a JD from Stanford Law School as well as a DPhil in Soviet History and MPhil in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Oxford (where he was a Clarendon Scholar). He also holds a bachelor's degree in International Affairs and Public Policy from Princeton University and speaks Russian.

Dr Matthew Sussex (Australian Defence College, ANU) is a Senior Fellow at the Australian Defence College and an Adjunct Associate Professor at Griffith University. His main research specialisation is on Russian foreign and security policy, but his interests also cover government and politics in Eurasia; strategic studies; terrorism and counter-terrorism; energy security; and Australian foreign policy. He is particularly interested in contemporary trends in violent conflict, especially in 'hybrid' warfare and in the evolution of propaganda.

Mr Bertil Wenger (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung) is the Director Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific for Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. He is a legal and international public affairs expert and a specialist on German foreign affairs. Recently, Mr Wenger has written pieces exploring Germany's increasing interest in the Asia Pacific.