

Title: Russia's War in Ukraine: How Did We Get Here and Where Do We Go From Here?

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**SYNOPSIS:** Dr. Gene Fishel is one of the State Department's foremost experts on Ukraine, and will be diving into the origins of Russia's war there and how it might end.

**BIO:**

Gene Fishel is a Deputy Director in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the United States Department of State. Most recently, he served as the Bureau's Senior Advisor for Emerging Threats. He has held a variety of other posts in the U.S. Government, including Senior Advisor for Russian Malign Activities and Trends in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Director for Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council, Special Advisor to the Vice President (National Security Affairs), and Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Russia and Eurasia at the National Intelligence Council.

Dr. Fishel has also worked at Embassies Kyiv and Minsk, taught in an adjunct capacity at George Washington University's Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies and Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service (where he is currently an Adjunct Professor in the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy), and completed the Mid-Career Fellow program at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) and the Senior Executives in National and International Security program at the Harvard Kennedy School. Prior to joining the Department of State in 1991, he was a Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Conflict, Ideology, and Policy.

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