

FROM GORBACHEV TO PUTIN: RUSSIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS SINCE 1991

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How could a transformation that ended the “old” Cold War create conditions for a possible “new” Cold War? By a series of brief snapshots in time, this lecture paints a picture of the evolution of domestic Russian politics and Russian foreign relations with neighbors such as Ukraine. Roeder’s current research explores nationalist secessionism—with two projects on the dynamics of secessionist campaigns and the international response to secessionism.

Trained as a specialist on the politics of the Soviet successor states, Roeder continues to draw on the Eurasian cases but has expanded his analysis to include global comparisons. His earlier works on the design of political institutions for countries torn apart by secessionist movements and on Soviet politics are foundations for his current research.