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## The Great Power Competition Volume 5

The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Implications for the Central Region

*The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Implications for the Central Region* addresses national security threats and strategic opportunities for the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Central Asia following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Recognizing that integrated deterrence is not constrained by geography or domain, this book focuses on the complex threats and challenges confronting U.S. national security and foreign policy in a post-Ukraine invasion environment. That is to say, what happens in Ukraine does not stay in Ukraine. It affects everyone from the region to the cyberspace domain to people on the other side of the world, due to changes in commodity prices.

Specifically, this volume explores how revised analyses of Russia may alter U.S. and allied strategies in a shifting international system and within the framing of strategic competition. Experts in this volume examine how the war in Ukraine will influence Russian strategy and foreign policy in the Middle East, Central Asia, and globally; what effect the Ukraine invasion could have on global and regional geopolitics and geoeconomics; and the United States' ability to protect national interests in the Central Region. The reasons for this are multiple and complex.

In this volume, we explore many issues that have confounded security experts by asking questions such as: What happens after the Russian invasion? What lessons did the U.S., Ukraine, NATO, and the European Union learn about Russia? What lessons did Russia learn about itself and its military after the Ukraine invasion? What lessons did the U.S. learn in Afghanistan that apply to Ukraine? Why was the initial analysis of the Russian invasion so wrong? How has power shifted in the international system since the Ukraine invasion? How has the security environment shifted since the Ukraine invasion? For the U.S. to continue supporting its partners in the Middle East and Central Asia, it must anticipate what new opportunities will arise from Russia's missteps in Ukraine.

*The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Implications for the Central Region* addresses these challenges and opportunities and informs policymakers on the changing contours of the Great Power Competition.

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*The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Implications for the Central Region* offers a nuanced exploration of the impact of Ukraine's conflict on the international system. This conflict is not simply a regional issue; the repercussions extend globally, affecting security and economic dynamics from the Middle East to Central Asia and beyond.

The book provides an in-depth look into the war on regional and global politics and the reverberations felt by both great and small powers in today's interconnected world. The authors address key questions: What insights from Afghanistan could guide a successful post-invasion strategy? How has the conflict influenced the existing security framework? And can the growing imbalance of power in this critical region be effectively mitigated?

This volume further illuminates the complex challenges posed by the war and considers how the United States and its allies might seize new opportunities for influence in this evolving landscape. It is a thoughtful guide to understanding the changing dimensions of geopolitical and geoeconomic competition.