

## Clash of the Titans: The Forgotten War in Russia 65 Years Later and Major Geo-Strategic Lessons

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Sixty-five years after Berlin fell to the Red Army, effectively ending World War Two in the European strategic theatre, the unprecedented four-year "war within the war" on the Eastern Front is still perceived as a historical event of secondary strategic significance. This is the case, even though it profoundly changed the understanding of the causes of war in Europe, and led to the demise of the Third Reich.

In fact, the Eastern Front (known to the Russians as the Great Patriotic War of 1941-45) highlighted trends and issues which reflected the nature of East-West relations over the next fifty years. Some of those trends continue today.

This presentation will review the Soviet WWII role and critically examine trends that reflected broader East-West strategic power plays. The talk will offer an opportunity to re-assess current strategic relations of major powers, particularly Russian and the United States, as well as patterns of contemporary and future conflicts.

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