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The War in Ukraine

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This session will reflect on the state of Russia's war in Ukraine, including its far-reaching military and economic impact across Europe and the West. Why did Putin invade, and how did he draw upon the corruption and views of Russian Orthodox Church to help make his case? Moreover, why have so many liberal democracies abandoned their historic ideals in favor of strongman cults, nationalist movements, and one-party states? In an age of rabbit holes and identity traps, simplistic beliefs often appeal to opportunists—even if minority communities, including religious communities, are ostracized to the benefit of “the loyal.” How will the EU's and America's policy and military response to Ukraine play out? As war-weariness grows, what role do journalists have in documenting mass graves and other horrific atrocities? This session will consider the costs of maintaining liberal democracy in the world, against the uptick in authoritarianism, nationalism, and the willingness of despots to invade territory not their own.

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