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### THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA: A LEGACY OF CONFRONTATION AND AMBIVALENCE

Join Dr. Kyle Longley, director of the LBJ Presidential Library, for a timely and engaging series of lectures on modern U.S. history.

Professor Longley is a prize-winning teacher and author of 10 books, including *The Morenci Marines: A Tale of Small Town America and the Vietnam War* (2013), *Grunts: The American Combat Soldier in Vietnam* (2008), and *LBJ's 1968* (2018).

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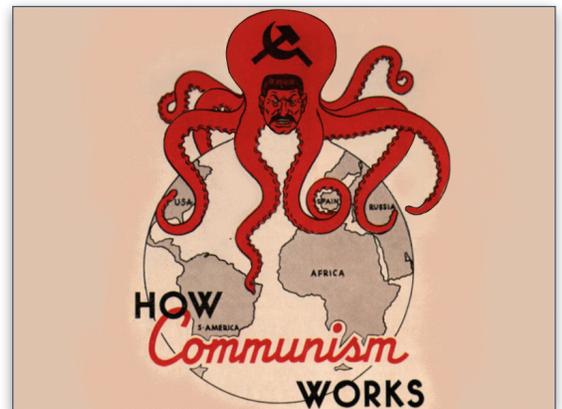
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## THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA: A LEGACY OF CONFRONTATION AND AMBIVALENCE

In 1835, **Alexis de Tocqueville** wrote: “There are at the present time two great nations in the world, which started from different points, but seem to tend towards the same end. I allude to the Russians and the Americans. Both of them have grown up unnoticed: and whilst the attention of mankind was directed elsewhere, they have suddenly placed themselves in the front rank among nations.”

Instinctively, de Tocqueville foresaw the future of the world in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and beyond when these two powers became preponderant forces. This ensured a collision course: one entity viewed as a new beacon of democracy while the other was mired in authoritarianism. This course will explore the long-term relationship that evolved between the United States and Russia, covering the period from 1775-2019. It will explain how it developed, the points of contention, and how it has shaped both countries, rarely for the better. Beginning in the 18th century and moving forward, the course will explore the evolution through the 19th century until the major breaking point of the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917. It will finally focus on the period from 1917 through the end of the Cold War, concluding with a review of the changes that have occurred since the fall of the Soviet Union.

**The goal of the course is to provide the participants with a better understanding of this complex and oftentimes confrontational relationship in a lively, engaging format centered on not only the dissemination of historical facts, but also rich context and timely discussion.**



### Questions?

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