## Historical and Cultural Context of the War in Ukraine

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The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been at least as much about history as about geopolitics. This war doesn't just have historical causes; it is a war about the historical narrative itself—one that goes back many centuries. This talk will present an introduction to this history, along with an overview of Ukraine's diverse cultural and linguistic landscape.





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