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## Explaining the New Confrontation between Russia and the West

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For thirty years, American presidents believed that the end of the Cold War ushered in a new era of cooperation with Moscow. In parallel, Russian leaders also sought to deepen ties with the United States. Today, however, U.S.-Russia relations have reached a new low, with American and European leaders instituting unprecedented coercive measures against Russia and Russian leaders describing the U.S as an adversary. What happened? How did we go from the end of the Cold War thirty years ago to a new period of confrontation? In his lecture, Professor McFaul will examine several explanations for this tragic set of developments, drawing on both his theoretical knowledge from his academic career as well as his practical experiences as a U.S. government official.

Michael McFaul is the director of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, professor of political science, the Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, all at Stanford University. McFaul served for five years in the Obama administration, first as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russian and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council at the White House (2009-2012) and then as U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation (2012-2014).

## REGISTRATION

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