

## The Implications of Russian-Ukrainian Conflict on the New World Order: Literature Review<sup>∇</sup>

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### Abstract

The literature review on the implications of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict on the new world order highlights the profound impact of this conflict on global governance structures and power dynamics. The review identifies several key findings, including the declining influence of the United States and other Western countries on global leadership, the emergence of new actors on the global stage such as China, and a shift in the power balance between Russia and the West with Russia gaining more influence in international affairs. Furthermore, the conflict has contributed to the fragmentation of the international community and the erosion of global governance structures. This has led to an increase in military activities and deployments, leading to the growing militarization of international relations. The review emphasizes the urgent need for more effective global governance mechanisms to address complex international problems and adapt to the changing dynamics of the new world order. Overall, the literature review offers a comprehensive and sophisticated analysis of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict's impact on global governance structures and its implications for the evolving dynamics of the new world order.

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### Introduction

The Russian-Ukrainian conflict has generated significant global interest due to its wide-ranging implications for the new world order. In light of the ongoing challenge that the conflict presents for resolution, this literature review aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of its causes, consequences, and potential impacts. By examining the various perspectives and approaches taken by scholars, policymakers, and other stakeholders, this review offers insights into the conflict's resolution and its implications for global governance structures.

The review recognizes the complexity and multifaceted nature of the conflict, which has far-reaching consequences for both the local region and the international community. The declining influence of the United States and other Western countries, the emergence of new actors on the global stage, the shift in power balance between Russia and the West, the fragmentation of the international community, and the militarization of international relations are among the significant implications of the conflict for global leadership and governance.

By identifying gaps in current research and highlighting areas for further investigation, this review can aid in the development of effective policies and strategies that prioritize human security and well-being. Furthermore, the comprehensive analysis of the conflict's implications on the new world order can contribute to future research and policymaking in this crucial area. The insights gained from this review can inform decision-making processes

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and promote the resolution of the conflict in a manner that serves the interests of all parties involved.

The methodology employed in this review critically evaluates and synthesizes the information gathered from the literature, while considering any potential biases or limitations of the studies reviewed. Through a rigorous methodology, this literature review aims to provide a comprehensive and objective overview of the current state of knowledge on the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, and to inform future research directions. Ultimately, this literature review has the potential to make a positive impact on the lives of those affected by the conflict and the broader international community.

### **Theoretical framework**

The theoretical framework for the literature review on the implications of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict on the new world order is built upon a comprehensive analysis of the conflict's impact on global politics and economics. The historical and political context of the conflict, including the underlying causes and motivations of the parties involved, must be explored to provide a thorough understanding of the conflict. Additionally, the review must consider the conflict's implications for the new world order, particularly in terms of the balance of power among global players, and the potential for increased tensions between Russia and the West.

Moreover, the review assesses the conflict's impact on international institutions and norms, such as the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty. These considerations provide insight into the implications of the conflict on global governance and the international order. Economic impacts, including sanctions and the disruption of trade and investment, must also be examined to understand the conflict's implications on the global economy.

The main focus of this literature review on this topic is to provide a critical analysis of the implications of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict on the new world order. By synthesizing existing researches, the review should identify key themes and trends, as well as gaps in the current research, to provide a foundation for future investigation. This approach should help to inform policymakers, academics, and the wider public on the complex dynamics of this conflict and its impact on global politics and economics.

### **Literature Review**

In his seminal article "Russia-Ukraine War: Harbinger of a Global Shift: A Perspective from Ukraine," Iliya Kusa delves into the implications of the Russo-Ukrainian conflict on the emerging global order (Kusa, 2022). Kusa offers a comprehensive overview of the conflict and its underlying drivers, including the annexation of Crimea by Russia in 2014. He asserts that the conflict represents a fundamental challenge to traditional international norms and highlights the changing dynamics of power in the global arena.

Moreover, Kusa scrutinizes the role of the international community in the conflict, evaluating the effectiveness of the European Union and the United Nations' efforts to broker peace. He contends that the conflict's continued persistence exposes the limitations of international institutions in preventing and resolving disputes.

Kusa opines that the implications of the conflict extend far beyond the borders of Ukraine, with significant ramifications for the international community. He posits that the conflict has weakened the global order's ability to maintain peace and stability and underscored the limitations of traditional international norms. Additionally, the conflict has demonstrated the

vulnerability of smaller states to the actions of larger powers and accentuated the importance of alliances in ensuring security and stability.

The article's unique perspective from Ukraine adds invaluable insight to the discourse, shedding light on the conflict's direct impact on the country. Kusa's analysis underscores the critical importance of addressing the underlying causes and motivations of the conflict and the need for stronger international institutions and alliances to maintain peace and stability in a rapidly changing global order.

Studinski's study titled "Global Reorientation of the World Economic Space in the Modern Dimension Against the Background of the Russian-Ukrainian War of 2014-2022, (Studinski, 2022) conducts a critical analysis of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict's economic ramifications on the global stage. The author posits the conflict's significant impact on the world economic space as a key theme, setting the tone for a comprehensive and insightful exploration of its economic consequences.

Studinski's examination of the economic impact of the conflict is multifaceted, and delves into specific issues such as the imposition of Western sanctions on Russia and the consequences of ongoing violence on trade and investment in the region. Furthermore, the author evaluates the role of major international institutions, including the World Trade Organization, in managing the effects of the conflict on the global economy.

The article's strength lies in its thorough review of existing literature and detailed analysis of the economic consequences of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. The author's insightful analysis, complemented by astute observations about potential future developments, demonstrates a clear understanding of the issue's complexity. The study is a significant contribution to the discourse on the conflict's impact on the global economy, and its well-supported conclusions make it an invaluable resource for policymakers, scholars, and anyone interested in the intersection of politics and economics. The text's organization and clarity of presentation could benefit from improvement to enhance its readability and accessibility to a broader audience.

In their article, "Choice without Choice: Russia as a Trigger for a Change of World Order," Mezhevich, Khlutkov, and Shamakhov offer a well-researched and thought-provoking analysis of Russia's role in shaping the global order (Mezhevich, et al, 2022). Drawing on their expertise in international relations and political science, the authors contend that Russia's actions, particularly in the context of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, have triggered a transformation in the world order, resulting in the emergence of new actors and a decline in Western influence. The authors' thorough and insightful discussion of the conflict's geopolitical implications traces its roots to the Ukrainian Revolution of 2014 and Russia's subsequent annexation of Crimea. They then proceed to examine the broader impact of the conflict on Russia's relations with the West and its effects on the stability of Europe and the global order.

The authors' analysis represents a significant contribution to the discourse on the role of Russia in shaping the new world order, and their unique perspectives on the issue are valuable to scholars, policymakers, and anyone interested in international relations and global politics. The authors' insightful examination of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict's geopolitical implications underscores the complexity of the issue and the need for continued analysis. However, the article would benefit from a clearer structure and presentation of ideas, as some of the arguments and conclusions could be more lucidly articulated. Nevertheless, the authors' in-depth exploration of the subject matter stands as a valuable addition to the discourse on the

topic, providing a new perspective on the transformation of the global order and the role of Russia in this process.

The article entitled "The Ukraine Conflict: Russia's challenge to European security governance" authored by Derek Averre is a meticulous and insightful study that explores the impact of the Ukraine conflict on the security governance of Europe. Averre skillfully scrutinizes the historical and political context of the conflict and examines the involvement of several actors including Russia, Ukraine, the European Union, and NATO (Averre, 2016).

With compelling arguments, Averre elucidates that the conflict presents a formidable challenge to the security governance of Europe, given its far-reaching implications for the security and stability of the entire region. The author's well-informed analysis thoroughly considers the various difficulties posed by the conflict, including the corrosion of trust and cooperation between the European Union and Russia, the destabilization of the region, and the threat to Ukraine's territorial integrity. The study culminates with the author's highlighting of the potential consequences of the conflict for European security governance, thereby underscoring the pressing need for a collective and comprehensive response from the EU and its partners to address the challenge posed by Russia. The article represents a significant contribution to the scholarly discourse on the impact of the Ukraine conflict on European security governance and its wider implications for European security and stability. Averre's meticulously researched arguments and insightful analysis make this work an indispensable resource for scholars, policymakers, and anyone interested in the intricate dynamics of European security governance in the context of the Ukraine conflict.

The article titled "Special Features of the Russian-Ukrainian Armed Conflict," authored by Zoltán Óze and published in the peer-reviewed journal *Hadmérnök*, presents a nuanced and thought-provoking analysis of the distinctive aspects of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine (Zoltán, 2020). The author highlights the unique nature of the conflict and posits that it diverges from conventional armed conflicts, as it involves various actors and employs hybrid warfare tactics. The author thoroughly examines the multiple components of the conflict, including propaganda and disinformation, separatist movements, and unconventional military tactics. The article also underscores the conflict's implications for the broader regional and international security environment and its potential impact on future conflicts in the region.

While the article's insights are valuable, its argumentation could be strengthened by a more rigorous analysis of its supporting sources. Furthermore, a more comprehensive discussion of the political and historical context leading to the conflict would be beneficial in elucidating its distinct features. In addition, the article would benefit from exploring potential solutions to the challenges posed by the conflict. Nonetheless, the author's examination provides a significant contribution to the scholarly discourse on the Russian-Ukrainian armed conflict, and it provides crucial insights for policymakers, scholars, and practitioners of conflict resolution.

The article "Effects of Russia-Ukraine War" by Priyanka Shah and Pallavi Gedamkar, which appeared in the *International Journal of Scientific Research in Engineering and Management (IJSREM)* in 2022 (Shah, & Gedamkar, 2022), offers an insightful and comprehensive analysis of the far-reaching effects of the Russia-Ukraine war. The authors provide a nuanced examination of the conflict's multifaceted nature, including its impact on various stakeholders such as the Ukrainian people, regional and global security, and the global economy. The authors' perspicacious analysis reveals that the conflict has had profound and enduring effects,

including the displacement of millions of individuals, the erosion of trust and cooperation between Russia and the West, and the destabilization of the region. The authors also engage in a judicious analysis of the international community's response to the conflict, highlighting the obstacles to resolving the crisis.

While the article represents a compelling contribution to scholarship on the subject, the authors could have enhanced the article's comprehensiveness by providing a more nuanced analysis of the conflict's causal factors and complex dynamics. Nonetheless, the authors' insightful analysis provides valuable insights into the effects of the Russia-Ukraine war on regional and international security and the global economy.

The article "Conflict in Ukraine: The Unwinding of the Post-Cold War Order" by G. Schwartz, published in the esteemed *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe* (Schwartz, 2015), offers a compelling analysis of the conflict in Ukraine and its impact on the international order that emerged after the Cold War. The author convincingly argues that the conflict poses a significant challenge to regional stability and security and represents a manifestation of the unwinding of the post-Cold War order. The article provides an extensive examination of the historical and political context of the crisis, including the events leading up to it and the various actors involved, such as Russia and the West.

The author also sheds light on the far-reaching implications of the conflict, including the erosion of trust and cooperation between Russia and the West and the destabilization of the region as a whole. However, the text would benefit from more specific examples of how the conflict in Ukraine has contributed to the unwinding of the post-Cold War order. Additionally, a more detailed analysis of the role of other actors, such as Ukraine itself and other international organizations, in the conflict could have been included to enhance the article's comprehensiveness.

Finally, the article provides valuable insights into the conflict in Ukraine and its broader implications for regional stability and security, as well as the international system. Nonetheless, further clarity and specificity would have been beneficial to fully appreciate the intricate dynamics of the conflict and the challenges posed to the international order.

The article entitled "The Ukrainian Conflict in Russian Foreign Policy: Rethinking the Interconnections between Domestic and Foreign Policy Strategies" by Licinia Simão, which was published in the academic journal *Small Wars & Insurgencies* (Simão, 2016), offers an extensive and well-rounded analysis of the Ukrainian conflict and its implications for Russian foreign policy. The author argues that comprehending the interdependencies between domestic and foreign policy strategies is crucial to gaining insight into Russian foreign policy, and the Ukrainian conflict serves as a compelling case study to further this understanding.

Simão's meticulous examination of the Russian government's domestic and foreign policy strategies in relation to the Ukrainian conflict is notable for its attention to the complex interplay of economic interests, domestic politics, and military power. Furthermore, the article presents a nuanced assessment of the conflict's impact on the stability and security of the region, including the erosion of trust and cooperation between Russia and the West and the destabilization of the broader region.

Although the article provides valuable insights into the Ukrainian conflict and its effects on Russian foreign policy, readers should be mindful of its potential limitations and implicit biases. Additionally, while the author's detailed examination of the conflict and its ramifications is informative, the text's dense and intricate nature may prove challenging to

follow for some readers. Generally, Simão's article constitutes an essential contribution to the study of the Ukrainian conflict and its repercussions for Russian foreign policy and the stability and security of the region.

The article "War in Ukraine: Putin and the Multi-Order World" by Trine Flockhart and Elena A. Korosteleva, published in *Contemporary Security Policy*, offers a nuanced and insightful analysis of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and its impact on the multi-order world (Flockhart & Korosteleva, 2022). The authors contend that the conflict represents a grave challenge to the stability and security of the region and beyond, and that it reflects the shifting dynamics of the contemporary global order.

The article meticulously examines the historical and political context of the conflict, delving into the factors that led to the crisis and the various actors involved. The authors also provide an astute assessment of the conflict's implications for regional and international security, including the erosion of trust and cooperation between Russia and the West, and the destabilization of the region as a whole. Despite these insights, the article would have benefited from a more comprehensive explanation of the multi-order world and its impact on the conflict in Ukraine. Additionally, a more detailed analysis of the conflict's impact on the international order beyond the region would have enhanced the article's scope.

Nonetheless, the article is a valuable addition to the scholarship on the Ukrainian conflict and its implications for the contemporary global order. By offering a sophisticated analysis of the conflict's complexities and the broader implications of the multi-order world, the authors make a significant contribution to our understanding of this pivotal moment in contemporary international relations. Overall, this article is a must-read for scholars and policymakers seeking to grapple with the challenges of the multi-order world and the consequences of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

### **Conclusions**

The literature review on the implications of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict on the new world order offers a multifaceted examination of the ramifications of this conflict on global politics. The review highlights the shifting dynamics of global leadership as a primary consequence of the conflict, with the declining influence of the United States and other Western countries becoming increasingly apparent. This outcome is significant, as it signals a shift in the traditional balance of power in international relations. The review also identifies the emergence of new actors on the global stage, such as China, as a direct result of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. China's growing assertiveness in its foreign policy demonstrates the increasingly complex and competitive nature of international relations in the 21st century.

The conflict has also caused a significant shift in the power balance between Russia and the West, with Russia gaining more influence in international affairs. This has led to an erosion of trust and cooperation between Russia and the West, which has contributed to the fragmentation of the international community and the erosion of global governance structures. As a result, the conflict has caused significant challenges to global governance mechanisms and structures that have traditionally guided international relations. The review highlights the increase in military activities and deployments as another key implication of the conflict. This trend has led to the growing militarization of international relations, which poses significant challenges to the prospects of global peace and stability.

Given these complex and multifaceted implications, the literature review emphasizes the urgent need for more effective global governance mechanisms that can address complex

international problems and adapt to the changing dynamics of the new world order. This calls for the establishment of new mechanisms for global governance that are more inclusive, adaptable, and responsive to the evolving nature of international relations in the 21st century.

While there have been numerous studies on the Russian-Ukrainian conflict and its implications, there are still several gaps in the literature that warrant further investigation. These gaps include:

1. Limited focus on the impact of the conflict on the new world order: While many studies have explored the political, economic, and social ramifications of the conflict, there is a need for more research on how this conflict is reshaping the global balance of power and affecting the current international order.
2. Lack of attention to the role of non-state actors: The literature has mainly focused on the actions of state actors, such as Russia and Ukraine, in the conflict. However, the role of non-state actors, such as separatist groups and extremist organizations, is also significant and requires further analysis.
3. Insufficient exploration of the impact on regional stability: While some studies have examined the conflict's impact on neighboring countries, there is still a need for a more comprehensive assessment of how the conflict is affecting regional stability, particularly in Eastern Europe.
4. Limited research on the implications for conflict resolution: While there have been numerous discussions on how to resolve the conflict, there is a need for more research on the long-term implications of different conflict resolution strategies and their potential impact on the new world order.

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