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RUSSIA POLICY
WHAT IS IT? WHAT SHOULD IT BE?

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LECTURER: Jack F. Matlock, Jr., PhD
Ambassador to USSR 1987-1991

Our lecturer has had a long and storied career as a top diplomat, author, historian, educator and linguist and we are fortunate to have him.

He is also a native son of North Carolina born in Greensboro, graduate of Duke summa cum laude, and currently retired in the state. He earned an M.A. at Columbia in 1952.

He joined the Foreign Service in 1956 and during a long career served in Vienna, Ghana, Tanzania, and in Czechoslovakia as Ambassador 1981-1983 and multi-stays in the Soviet Union eventually as ambassador from 1987-1991 under Reagan and then George H.W. Bush. This was during the tumultuous period of Gorbachev and the collapse of the Soviet Union. He was present at the Reagan/Bush-Gorbachev summits. Interspersed were assignments in the State Department and Diplomat in Residence at Universities. His languages include Czech, French, German, Russian and Swahili.

Upon retiring from the Foreign Service, he reentered the academic world as professor of International Diplomacy at Columbia University, the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton where he was the George F. Kennan Professor, and other stays at Hamilton College and Mount Holyoke College. He finally found time to complete his PhD from Columbia in 2013. He has been awarded honorary doctorates by [Greensboro College](#), [Albright College](#) and [Connecticut College](#).^[10]

Since retiring he has written many articles for such publications as the New York Times, the New York Review of Books and Foreign Affairs as well as three books. His 836-page book: "Reagan & Gorbachev" is considered his magnum opus and the best insider's account of these historic events. He also wrote "Autopsy on an Empire" and more recently "Superpower Illusions"