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#### Understanding Today's Headlines on the War in Ukraine

Presented by Dr. Steven Grant, PhD. Lecturer

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Virtual on Zoom

We are fortunate for the kick-off lecture in our 2022-2023 season to have a leading scholar in this timely and important subject for both now and the future.

**To best understand today's headlines as it relates to the war in Ukraine it is important to first try and understand Russia itself, in terms of its own past and its present and the record of Russia and her relationship to the world in general. There one uncovers perceptions and misperceptions which are the real drivers of today's headlines. In Dr. Grant's presentation he will help us gain a truer and more comprehensive understanding of what is happening. There will be a Q&A period at the end.**

Steven A. Grant graduated from Harvard University with a Ph.D. in Russian History, 1973. He taught several years at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and was then a Research Associate of the George Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies. In 1980 he joined the Office of Research of the U.S. Information Agency. During 1982–85 Dr. Grant served as an assistant cultural affairs officer at the American Embassy in Moscow. From 1985 to 2004, when he retired, he was Chief of the Soviet and East European Branch of the USIA Office of Research a part of the U.S. State Department conducting public opinion and elite surveys in the former USSR. Dr. Grant is the author of a monograph - *The Russian Nanny, Real and Imagined: History, Culture, Mythology* (New Academia, 2012) – and two reference works: *A Scholars' Guide to Washington, D.C. for Russian/Soviet Studies* (Woodrow Wilson Center Press/Johns Hopkins University Press, 3rd rev. and renamed ed. 1994) and (with John H. Brown) *The Russian Empire and Soviet Union: A Guide to Manuscripts and Archival Materials in the United States*.

His most recent journal articles are "Nomen est Omen: Onomastics and Russian Revolutionaries," *The Slavonic and East European Review*, vol. 98(2), April 2020; "The Russian Gentry Family: A Contrarian View," *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, Heft 1, March 2012; and a review "On the History of Childhood" in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, Summer 2009, Vol. 10(3).

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