

Tuesday Talks

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Speaking on “Recent Developments in Ukraine”

After the Russian invasion of Ukraine was stopped in late March and Russian forces retreated from Kyiv, Chernihiv, Chernihiv, Sumy, and Kharkiv in early April, the war settled into a slow-motion grind. While Russian forces were able to conquer some additional territory in the Donbas and were finally able to gain full control of Mariupol, they suffered very high casualties doing so. After several months of apparent stalemate, Ukrainian armed forces counter-attacked in Kherson Oblast (South Ukraine) on Aug. 29 and started to push the Russian forces in the area back. On Sept. 6, Ukrainian forces launched a second offensive in Kharkiv Oblast (NE Ukraine) which quickly broke through the Russian lines, liberating thousands of square miles of Ukrainian territory in Kharkiv Oblast and the Donbas.

In this talk, Dr. Daniel Lake will summarize recent developments in the war and explain why Ukraine's forces were able to launch such successful offensives after several months of apparent stalemate on the battlefield. He will also discuss recent developments such as the partial mobilization of reserves called by Russian President Vladimir Putin and the annexation of Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk, and their political and military ramifications.

Dr. Daniel Lake is an Associate Professor of Political Science, Chair of the Political Science Department, and Interim Director of the Institute for Ethics in Public Life at SUNY Plattsburgh. He teaches courses on international relations, American foreign policy, national security, and the politics of ethnicity and race. His research focuses on military organizations and capabilities, and he is the author of *The Pursuit of Technological Superiority and the Shrinking American Military*. He is a former military intelligence officer and a veteran of Operation Desert Storm.

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