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# Understanding the New Cold War

It's happening again. The world is splitting into two diametrically-opposed ideological camps, one still championing liberal democracy as the best form of governance and the other claiming that illiberal authoritarianism (rather than communism) will ultimately emerge triumphant. Talk of world war and even nuclear war, once thought to have faded from view, has also returned. What led us back to another Cold War? How might this one end? How worried should we be? In this course we will examine all the main actors and key claims of both sides, and also look at possible pathways to the future.

## **Week One**

Understanding the Old Cold War: A review

## **Week Two**

The “rules-based” global order and its enemies

## **Week Three**

The use and misuse of history and culture

## **Week Four**

The challenge from China and its allies

## **Week Five**

The challenge from Russia and its allies

## **Week Six**

How will the new Cold War end?

