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Speakers Professor Rouben Azizian (Massey University, Albany)

Topic "The Ukraine War and Russia's Circles of Influence."

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Synopsis
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The war in Ukraine has produced deep levels of support for the Government of Ukraine (and, as a corollary, criticism of Russia) in the nations of "the West". They include the western side of Europe (via NATO or the European Union), the United States (via NATO), Australia, and New Zealand.

However, different responses may be found in other nations. Different levels of support for Russia may appear in security allies (such as Belarus), traditional friends (such as India or Serbia) and like-minded régimes (such as Iran). The security perceptions of former Soviet states (such as Kazakhstan, Georgia, and Armenia) are of particular significance.

Biographical Details Professor Azizian's major areas of expertise are

- Asia-Pacific security environment and architecture;
- diplomacy and conflict resolution;
- security sector governance; and
- Russia's foreign relations.

Professor Azizian's initial career was in diplomacy, in the Foreign Service of each of the USSR, and then Russia. After postings in Nepal and Sri Lanka, he served in New Zealand (1991-1994) as Deputy Chief of Mission.

He joined Massey University's Centre for Defence and Security Studies in December 2015. There he served as its Director until December 2021.

Previously he had taught at the US Defense Department's Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu (2002-2015) and the Department of Political Studies at the University of Auckland (1994-2001).

He is also an Honorary Professor at the New Zealand Defence Force Command and Staff College, and Editor-in-Chief of *National Security Journal*.

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