

Resources on War in Ukraine from March 15, 2022 SPC E-newsletter

What Has Been Happening in Ukraine/Basic Recent Timeline:

<https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

A good place to start for basic information. It includes a map and many photos to help understand what has happened since Russia invaded Ukraine.

Calls for diplomacy:

<https://otherwords.org/the-best-way-to-help-ukraine-is-diplomacy-not-war/>

Phyllis Bennis' call for diplomacy and what should be on the table for negotiation as well as what is not likely to be successful. The author reminds readers that Ukraine is not being considered for inclusion in NATO.

<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2022/03/01/we-need-massive-push-peace-ukraine-now>

Rev. Jesse Jackson's call for peace, using strong moral language and reasoning.

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/diplomatic-compromise-ukrainian-neutrality-f-or-russia-withdrawal-by-jeffrey-d-sachs-2022-03>

Jeffrey Sachs' call for diplomacy, invoking the Cuban missile crisis and why to pursue diplomacy even when uncertain whether it will work. The author acknowledges the need to compromise to achieve peaceful resolution

Risks of Escalation:

<https://theintercept.com/2022/03/11/nuclear-war-russia-ukraine-invasion-putin-biden/>

How conventional war could lead to nuclear war,

<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2022/03/the-terrible-case-for-a-no-fly-zone-in-ukraine.html>

Why a "No Fly Zone" would be a dangerous decision that would increase the chance of nuclear war

History of NATO, Russia and Ukraine:

<https://peterbeinart.substack.com/p/americas-generation-gap-on-ukraine?s=r>

Peter Beinart provides a short history lesson on debates in Washington after the Cold War over NATO expansion and predictions that NATO and NATO expansion would lead to increased conflict in Europe, since NATO is premised on conflict with Russia.

<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2022/02/15/the-origins-of-the-ukraine-crisis-and-how-conflict-can-be-avoided>

Jack F. Matlock, Jr., former ambassador to the Soviet Union (1987-1991) and author of three books about the negotiations that ended the Cold War, on how the conflict in Ukraine could have been avoided.

U.S. and World History:

<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/mournful-legacy>

Andrew Bacevich describes how the legacy of U.S. policy and war-making since Vietnam by key Presidential advisors impact the lens through which we understand war in Ukraine. He argues that two key shortcomings in U.S. analyses limit our thinking and advocates for incorporating moral realism.

<https://truthout.org/articles/noam-chomsky-a-no-fly-zone-over-ukraine-could-unleash-untold-violence/>

Noam Chomsky explains how the post-World War II global architecture is incapable of regulating issues of war and peace, how international law is flaunted, and describes how the West continues to reject Russia's security concerns.