



**World Affairs Visiting Distinguished Speaker Program
War in Europe: Implications of Russia's Invasion**

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Vladimir Putin's likely hoped-for lightning strike into Kyiv to decapitate the Zelensky government and subjugate the country has bogged down amid Russian military incompetence and Ukrainian resolve and heroism. The implications of war in Europe are being felt around the world.

What has led to this catastrophe pitting the U.S./NATO and the EU against the Russian Federation? What are the national security concerns? What should businesses know about the implications? To address these and many more questions about war in Europe TNWAC will host a specialist eminently qualified to speak to these questions; Dr. Roger Kangas will be with us in Nashville on March 31-April 1, 2022.

You are invited to join the conversation.

*"I come at [issues] more from a policy side. I do like to see myself as an academic but my day-to-day world takes me into the practical world. So, you may hear me use the term *prac-ademia*." – Roger Kangas*

Dr. Roger Kangas – Academic Dean and a Professor of Central Asian Studies at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. Previously Dr. Kangas served as a Professor of Central Asian Studies at the George C. Marshall Center for European Security in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany; Deputy Director of the Central Asian Institute at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC; Central Asian Course Coordinator at the Foreign Service Institute for the U.S. Department of State; Research Analyst on Central Asian Affairs for the Open Media Research Institute



(OMRI) in Prague, Czech Republic; and as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Kangas has been an advisor to the Combatant Commands, NATO/ISAF, the US Air Force Special Operations School, National Democratic Institute, International Research and Exchanges Board, American Councils, Academy for Educational Development, USIA, USAID, and other US government agencies on issues relating to Central and South Asia, Russia, and the South Caucasus. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University. Dr. Kangas holds a B.S.F.S. in Comparative Politics from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University.

Opportunities

- Sponsor the March 31st evening Global Town Hall at Belmont University
- Join Dr. Kangas at a small group dinner on March 31st
- Schedule a visit of Dr. Kangas at your organization (lunch or mid-morning, afternoon) on April 1st

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