

Roundtable on the Ukrainian Crisis- local, regional and global implications

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Background note

Just as the world was beginning to breathe a little easier as the devastating Covid pandemic was seemingly ebbing out, another new crisis emerges- this time of a more traditional security oriented threat. The decision of the Russian President Vladimir Putin to launch a full scale invasion of Ukraine last week has generated a crisis not only within Europe but with ominous possibilities for the entire world. Apart from death and destruction, central and East European countries face an unprecedented migration crisis as civilian population begins to flee Ukraine for safer destinations. The bitter and angry exchange of words in the UN bodies and between the EU members and Russia along with economic and travel related sanctions being slapped on each other threaten to cripple movement and communication networks just as these were showing some signs of recovery following the two year lull because of the pandemic. Rising price of oil and wheat also threaten to affect global economy, particularly the most vulnerable sections of humanity. The Ukrainian crisis, in short, threatens to spin out of control and create a major global crisis. Is this the proverbial final blow for the world order as we have known it since 1945 and especially, which survived albeit after making significant innovations after 1989? As global institutions struggle to deal with the major fault lines, there is no

doubt that the Ukrainian war has the potential to further unleash the centrifugal forces of all types leading to local, regional and global impact.

The proposed roundtable discussion aims at discussing some of the core issues and also analyzing the background of the crisis along with its regional and global implications by bringing together some of the most knowledgeable experts, policy makers and young scholars based in the region.