

# The Ukraine War and Strategic Implications for Australia

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Tuesday 30 August: 5.30pm for 6-7pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

**Please note that this event will be held under the Chatham House Rule and is in-person only.**

Dominating headlines throughout 2022, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has demonstrated that a major war in Europe has global implications. Whether it be the possibility of famine in Africa, the reconsideration of national interests and alliances, the impact of potential nuclear escalation, or our understanding of the nature of war itself, the Ukraine War is proving to be one of the seminal events of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



The war also appears to indicate that the ideological contest between democratic liberalism and authoritarian dictatorship is just as relevant now as it was during the Cold War.

Richard Iron will discuss the wider implications of the conflict, the factors that might influence how it might end, the impact it may have on tensions in our own region, and Australia's evolving regional and global role.

Will Ukraine be able to turn the balance of military advantage to its favour with ongoing financial and military support from the West? How long can Putin control the narrative of the war at home? What are the implications for the current tensions over Taiwan? And what role does Australia have to play?

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Richard Iron to discuss the strategic implications of the Ukraine war for Australia.



**Richard Iron CMG OBE** is President of AIIA Victoria. He previously served in the British Army in Northern Ireland, the Falkland Islands, Oman, the Balkans, Sierra Leone and Iraq. He was a visiting fellow at the Changing Character of War programme at the University of Oxford and was lead editor of British Generals in Blair's Wars. He is currently working on how wars end.

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