

## Popular Scholar to Speak about “Russia and the West” at the Library

**Dr. Ian Feinhandler returns to the Library to confront another complicated geopolitical world crisis**

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After breaking Library attendance records with his October lecture, “The Rise of the Islamic State,” Dr. Ian Feinhandler brings another complicated world conflict into sharp focus at the Library on February 25 at 7 pm. Applauded for his ability to distill intricate and convoluted geopolitical problems into simple, understandable terms, Dr. Feinhandler will guide the audience to an understanding of how and why Russia continues to be a threat to the West.

In his lecture, Dr. Feinhandler will explore the historical and ongoing tensions between Russia and the West. For many outside observers, the current tension between Russia and the West stems from the conflict over Ukraine. Ukraine gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991; since then, it has been plagued with corrupt governance as well as energy dependence on Russia. As both the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) have expanded from Western Europe toward Russia, some in Ukraine see an opportunity to reduce corruption and break old ties with Russia, while Russia has significant interest in seeing Ukraine remain a satellite-state. However, the tension between Russia and the West exists at a temporal and geographic scale far beyond the Cold War or the current crisis in Ukraine.

Dr. Feinhandler has a Master’s Degree in Religious Studies and a Ph.D. in Political Geography from the University of Colorado; in addition to his position as an instructor at Front Range Community College, he serves on faculty at the University of Colorado and has worked as a consultant in the private sector.

**Registration is required for this event is required and this event is currently sold out.** To be added to a waitlist, please call 303-651-8472.

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