

Global Research Weekender: Time to Resuscitate Diplomacy to Restore Peace and Order

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We at Global Research condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine. All international issues need to be resolved peacefully through judicious negotiations and dialogue.

The events surrounding the Russia-Ukraine crisis are a poignant reminder of the decaying authority of diplomacy where instead of bilateral agreement, there is military incursion; instead of multilateral force for peace and order, there are sanctions, military aid and international isolation.

In this weekend selection, we ask our readers to ponder on the urgent need of our time and on what could be done in its pursuit.



[Russia-Ukraine War: A Different Invasion, the West's Same 'Madman' Script](#)

By [Jonathan Cook](#), March 04, 2022

At a drop of a hat, western leaders are absolved of guilt or even responsibility for the terrible events that unfold. The West remains virtuous, simply a victim of the world's madmen. Nothing the West did was a provocation. Nothing they could have done would have averted the disaster.



[Did NATO Just Declare War on Russia?](#)

By [Mike Whitney](#), March 04, 2022

In a move that can only be regarded as a major escalation, NATO officials announced on Friday that they would deploy troops from its Combat-Ready Response Force to support the Ukrainian regime in its war with Russia. The Alliance will also send additional weapons which will be used to blunt the Russian offensive that has already seized large parts of the country and obliterated most of Ukraine's defensive capability.



[How Ukraine's 'Revolution of Dignity' Led to War, Poverty and the Rise of the Far Right](#)

By [Olga Sukharevskaya](#), March 03, 2022

A survey carried out by the Kiev International Institute of Sociology [shows](#) that 64.7% of Ukrainian citizens believe things are going in the wrong direction. One in four Ukrainians and one in three young people [want to move](#) to a different country. All in all, this can hardly be called a victory for the Euromaidan.



[France's Finance Minister: "We're waging an all-out economic and financial war on Russia"](#)

By [Paul Antonopoulos](#), March 03, 2022

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire declared an "all-out economic and financial war" against Russia for launching its military operation against Kiev last week. It is hoped that such an economic war will 'punish' Russia – but shortly after making his comment, Le Maire was quick to change his rhetoric after probably being given a stern warning from within the Champs-Élysées to not make bombastic comments that intensifies tensions and could actually lead to war between Russia and NATO.



['The Madman Putin': The Globalists' Misinformation Ploy](#)

By [Vasko Kohlmayer](#), March 03, 2022

For years the Western establishment considered Putin a "man with whom we could do business." He was seen as "liberal, humane, and decent European." He was [described](#) as a person of "'alert, controlled poise' and 'well-briefed acuity,' who was open to anything, even Russia joining NATO."



[Racism Thrives in Western Liberal Europe and Ukraine](#)

By [Steven Sahiounie](#), March 03, 2022

[Emily, a 24-year-old medical student from Kenya](#), told the Guardian that she was able to reach a hotel in Warsaw only to be refused a room because she was Black. She was told by hotel staff the rooms were only for Ukrainians.



[Everyone Loses in the Conflict Over Ukraine](#)

By [Ralph Nader](#), March 02, 2022

In recent weeks, the State Department said it recognizes Russia's legitimate security concerns but not its expansionism. Well, what is wrong with a ceasefire followed by support for a treaty "guaranteeing neutrality for Ukraine similar to the enforced neutrality for Austria since the Cold War's early years," as Nation publisher and Russia specialist Katrina Vanden Heuvel urged.



[Playing with Fire in Ukraine](#)

By [Eric Margolis](#), March 02, 2022

Western media has championed the cause of Ukraine in a totally one-sided manner. So, we have plucky David v. evil Goliath. Never mind that civil war between Ukrainian nationalists, militant rightists and the Kiev regime has been flaring for 14 years.



[Follow the Money: US Sanctions, Will Russia Be Able to Bypass Western Economic Warfare?](#)

By [Pepe Escobar](#), March 02, 2022

About the possible introduction of a new Russia-China payment system bypassing SWIFT, and combining the Russian SPFS (System for Transfer of Financial Messages) with the Chinese CIPS (Cross-Border Interbank Payment System), Hudson has no doubts "the Russian-China system will be implemented. The Global South will seek to join and at the same time keep SWIFT – moving their reserves into the new system."



[For African and Colonized Peoples, to Understand Ukraine: De-center Europe and Focus on Imperialism](#)

By [Black Alliance for Peace](#), March 02, 2022

NATO's expansion has been a well-known security concern for Russia since 1999, when Bill Clinton inaugurated the official process of growing NATO's membership to include former nations of the Warsaw Pact. Today, as the conflict escalates, NATO's expansion has become an existential threat to African people and all oppressed and colonized people around the world.

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