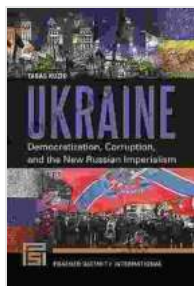


# Unveiling the Dark Underbelly of Russian Imperialism: Democratization, Corruption, and the Rise of a New Era



## Ukraine: Democratization, Corruption, and the New Russian Imperialism (Praeger Security International)

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In her groundbreaking work, 'Democratization, Corruption, and the New Russian Imperialism: Praeger Security,' author Marlene Laruelle embarks on an eye-opening journey that unravels the complex web of corruption and imperialism that has shaped Russia's recent history and global aspirations. This in-depth analysis offers a comprehensive understanding of Russia's geopolitical strategies and their far-reaching implications for the world.

### Exposing the Interwoven Threads of Corruption and Imperialism

Laruelle meticulously dissects the intricate relationship between democratization and corruption in Russia, revealing how these seemingly contradictory forces have intertwined to create a unique and dangerous political landscape. She argues that Russia's attempts at democratization

have been undermined by rampant corruption, which has allowed a narrow elite to accumulate vast wealth and power while stifling genuine democratic reforms.

This corruption has permeated all levels of Russian society, from the highest echelons of government to the local bureaucracy. It has created a system where the rule of law is often disregarded, and the interests of the corrupt elite take precedence over the well-being of the Russian people.

### **Russia's Imperial Ambitions: A Resurgence of the Past**

Against the backdrop of widespread corruption, Laruelle traces the resurgence of Russian imperialism, a phenomenon that has cast a long shadow over Eastern Europe and beyond. She argues that Russia's imperial ambitions are deeply rooted in its history, culture, and geopolitical interests.

Laruelle analyzes Russia's military interventions in Georgia, Crimea, and Ukraine, demonstrating how these actions are part of a broader strategy to expand Russian influence and control over neighboring regions. She also examines Russia's efforts to bolster its military capabilities and form alliances with other authoritarian regimes, such as China and Iran.

### **The Global Implications of Russian Imperialism**

The author goes beyond the regional implications of Russian imperialism to explore its global consequences. She argues that Russia's aggressive foreign policy poses a significant threat to international security and stability. Laruelle highlights Russia's interference in Western elections, its support for authoritarian regimes, and its use of cyberwarfare as examples of its destabilizing activities.

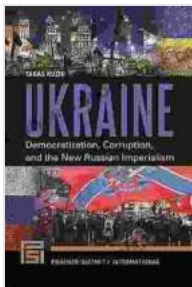
Laruelle warns that Russia's imperial ambitions are not confined to its neighboring regions but have global aspirations. She calls on the international community to recognize the threat posed by Russian imperialism and to take collective action to counter its negative effects.

## **A Call for a New Era of Global Cooperation**

The author concludes by emphasizing the urgent need for a new era of global cooperation to address the challenges posed by Russian imperialism. She argues that the international community must work together to uphold the rule of law, promote democracy, and combat corruption on a global scale.

Laruelle's book is a timely and essential contribution to our understanding of Russian imperialism and its implications for the world. It offers a clear-eyed assessment of the complex forces shaping Russia's foreign policy and provides valuable insights for policymakers, scholars, and anyone interested in the future of international relations.

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