

# "The Russian Policy towards the West after the Ukrainian crisis: goals, stakes, capabilities"

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# Putin's foreign policy: same strategic goal, different means

- Since Vladimir Putin became President of Russia in 2000 status-rebuilding became **the main foreign policy objective and the guiding principle in Russia's relations with the West**;
- There have been other more pragmatic objectives focused on economic cooperation and profit. However, with all importance of revenues from energy exports and arms trade, economic goals have been always secondary to the main political goal directed at reinstating Russia's international positions;
- There are no such economic sacrifices that Russia would be unwilling to make for the sake of its status of great power;
- Russia's nuclear arsenal is the main and indispensable attribute of its great power status, defense and security.

# **Putin I: status-rebuilding through integration with the West – EU and US/NATO**



**Putin II: The age of illusions about the West is over. Russia will remain a sovereign centre of power, with its area of primary influence based on the Eurasian Union**



# Between Ukraine and Syria: Russia's foot-in-the door policy



# Status rebuilding through counter-terrorism fight of Russia and the West



# Putin's great gamble



# What next?

