

The Center for International Programs presents

A Campus
Colloquium

RUSSIA RISING:

The Return of a Major World Power



A column of Russian armoured vehicles moves on a road leading from Zugdidi to Georgia's breakaway province of Abkhazia on Saturday. (Georgy Abdaladze/Associated Press)

The August conflict between Russia and the tiny post-Soviet nation of Georgia brought the return of Russia as a "major player" in on the world stage to Americans' attention. But the return of Russia as a force to be reckoned with had long been evident to those who had watched its projection of power elsewhere in Europe, fueled by its status as a major oil producer and managed by the consolidation of state control by Vladimir Putin. The efforts of the United States to support Georgia without risking major confrontation with Russia has led many to wonder if a return to the bad old days of the Cold War might be in the offing. Is that where we're headed? Join us in a discussion of this important development in world affairs.

A panel of the following speakers will provide overviews of the following topics. Active audience participation will be strongly invited.

- Paul Kubicek, Political Science
Russia and U.S. Foreign Policy
- Carol Hart, International Programs
Russia and the Peoples of the Caucasus
- Greg Allar, International Programs
Russia's Foreign Policy Strategy in the 21st Century
- Mary Samal, International Programs
Domestic Factors Affecting Current Russian Foreign Policy
- Janusz Wrobel, International Programs
"Imperiostalgia" in Post-communist Russia



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Oakland Center*

