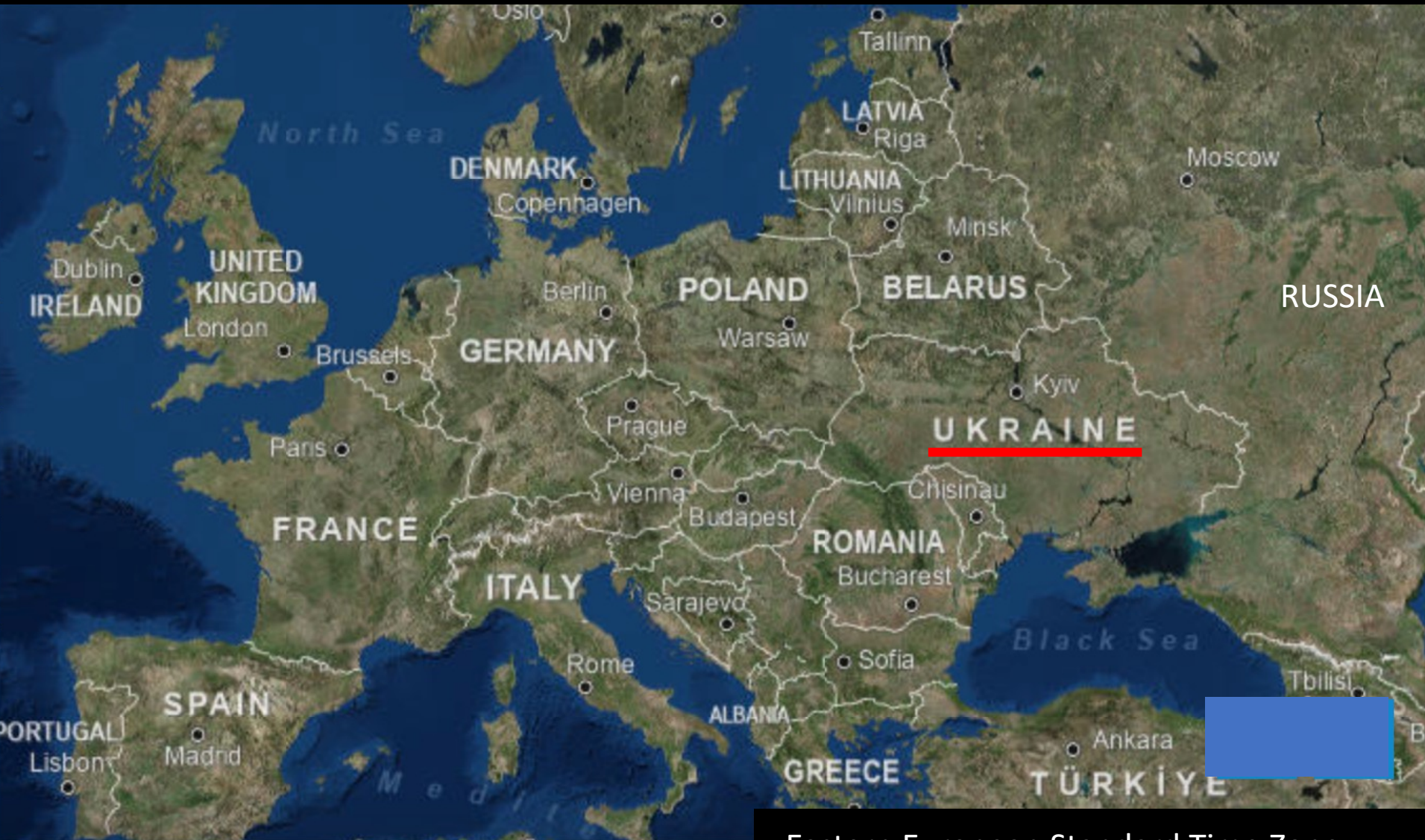


Setting the Stage

Understanding the War in Ukraine

Session #1

Europe

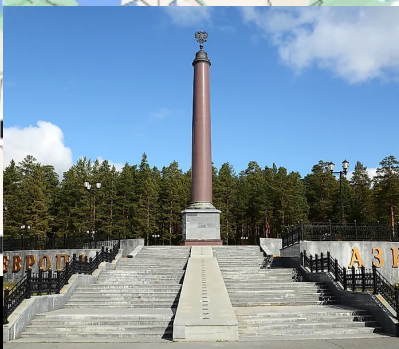
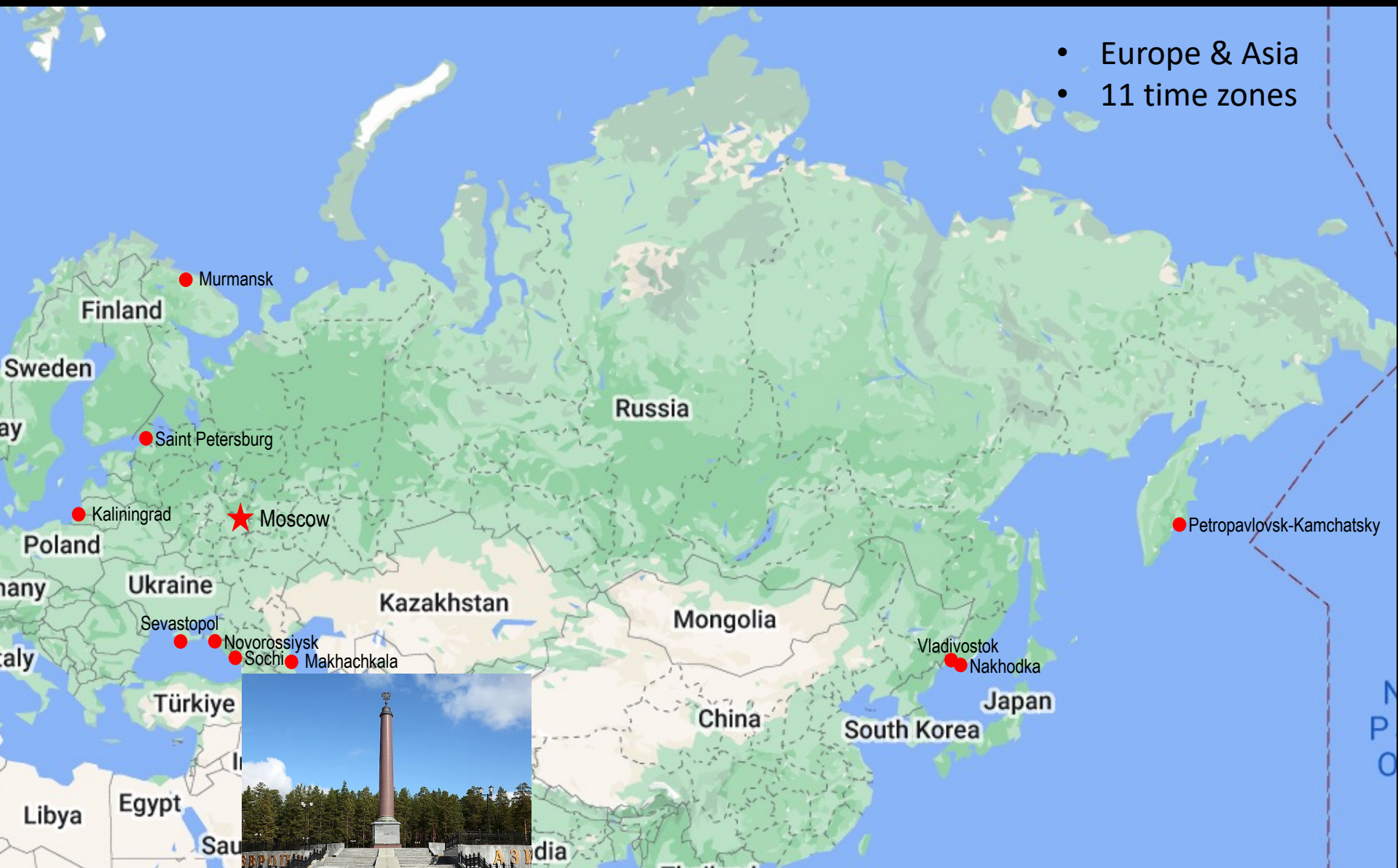


Eastern European Standard Time Zone
(GMT+2), (EDST +7)



Russia

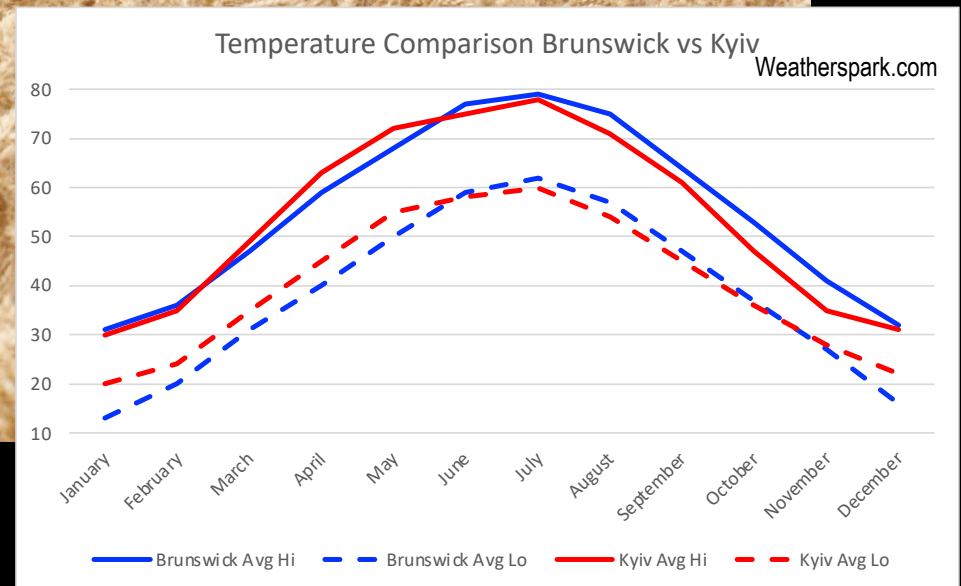
- Europe & Asia
- 11 time zones



Ice Age in Europe



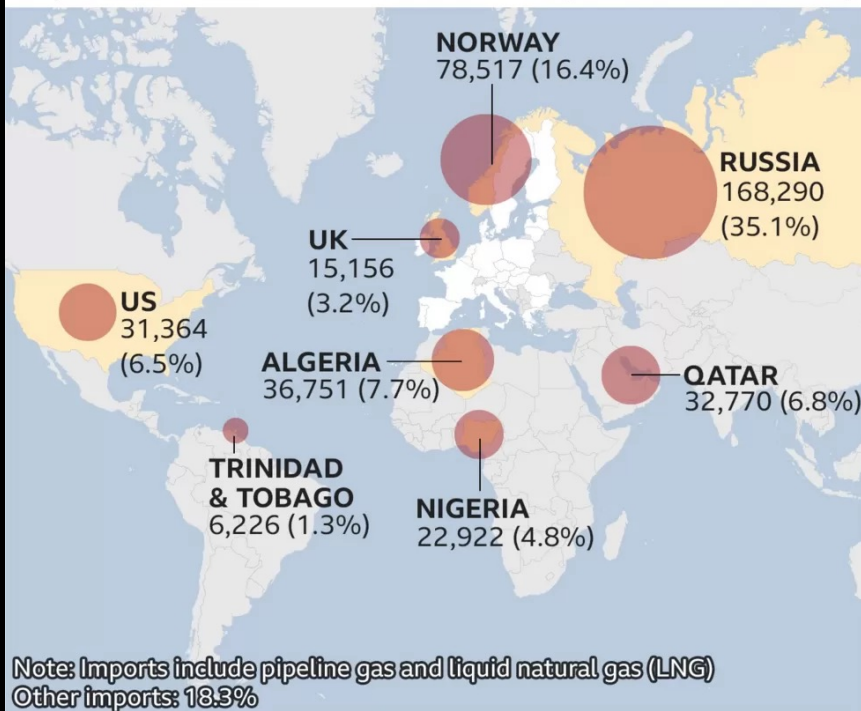
Ukraine Agriculture



Natural Gas Pipelines

Where does the EU get its natural gas imports?

Imports from non-EU countries in 2020 (million cubic metres)



Source: Eurostat

BBC

The most important gas pipelines in Europe



Source: European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas

BBC

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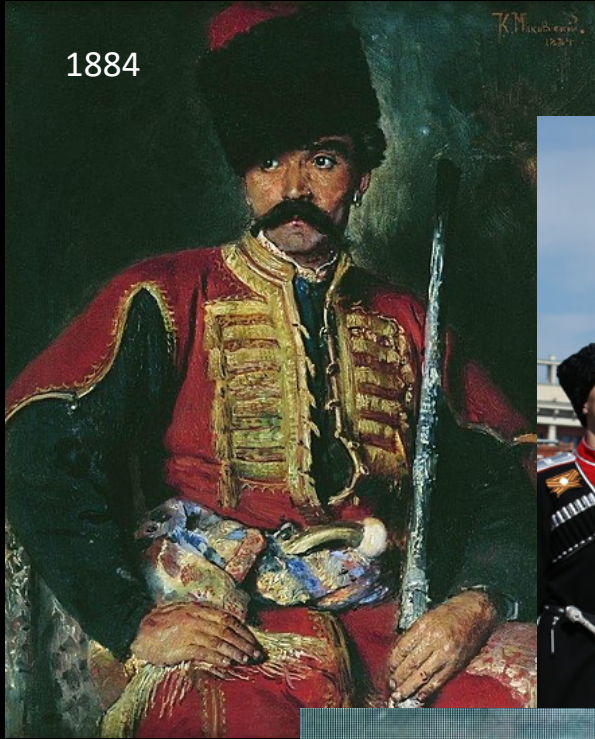


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Cossacks

1884



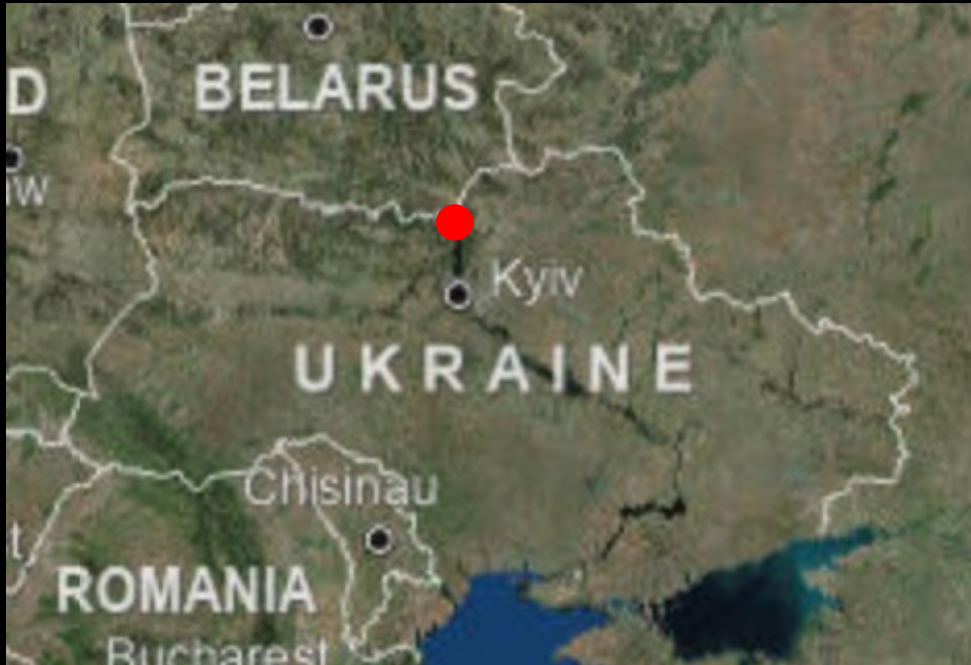
2015 – marching in Red Square



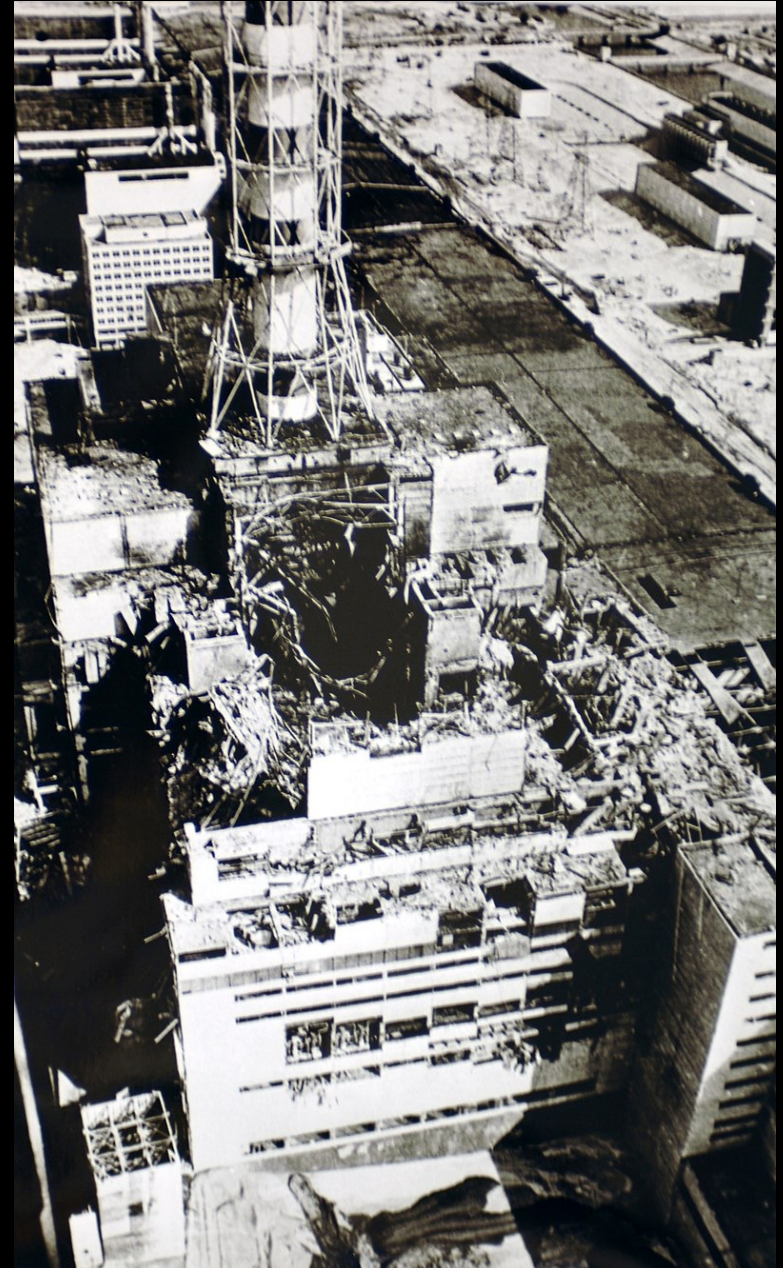
Holodomor (1932—33)



Chernobyl disaster 26 April 1986



- Reactor design flaw and human error
- Only 100 deaths directly attributed
- 19-mile radius exclusion zone, approx. 120,000 persons displaced



Soviet Union



Yalta Conference

February 4—11, 1945



L to R: Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin



Washington Treaty (1949)

NATO Charter

The Parties to this Treaty reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments.

They are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilisation of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law. They seek to promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area.

They are resolved to unite their efforts for collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security. They therefore agree to this North Atlantic Treaty :

Article 4

The Parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the Parties is threatened.

Article 5

...an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all...



NATO Member Countries at end of the Cold War

12 Founding Members	Joined during Cold War
Belgium	Greece (1952)
Canada	Turkey (1952)
Denmark	West Germany (1955)
France	Spain (1982)
Iceland	
Italy	
Luxembourg	
the Netherlands	
Norway	
Portugal	
United Kingdom	
United States	

= 16

Warsaw Pact



EUROPE DURING THE COLD WAR (1960)



Warsaw Pact



NATO



Non-aligned nations

Collapse of the Soviet Union



Lisbon Protocol to the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty





31 Current NATO Member Countries

12 Founding Members	4 Joined during Cold War	NATO Expansion = 15
Belgium Canada Denmark France Iceland Italy Luxembourg the Netherlands Norway Portugal United Kingdom United States	Greece (1952) Turkey (1952) West Germany (1955) Spain (1982)	Czech Republic (1999) Hungary (1999) Poland (1999) Bulgaria (2004) Estonia (2004) Latvia (2004) Lithuania (2004) Romania (2004) Slovakia (2004) Slovenia (2004) Albania (2009) Croatia (2009) Montenegro (2017) North Macedonia (2020)
	East Germany added during reunification of Germany in 1990	Finland (4 Apr 2023)

After the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, 5 countries formally informed NATO of their membership aspirations.

Still pending:

1. Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Georgia
3. Sweden -- imminent
4. Ukraine

Russia and NATO by 2014



Russian Vacationland in Crimea



Crimea



Revolution of Dignity (February 2014)



“Little Green Men”



War in Donbas

Donetsk



Luhansk



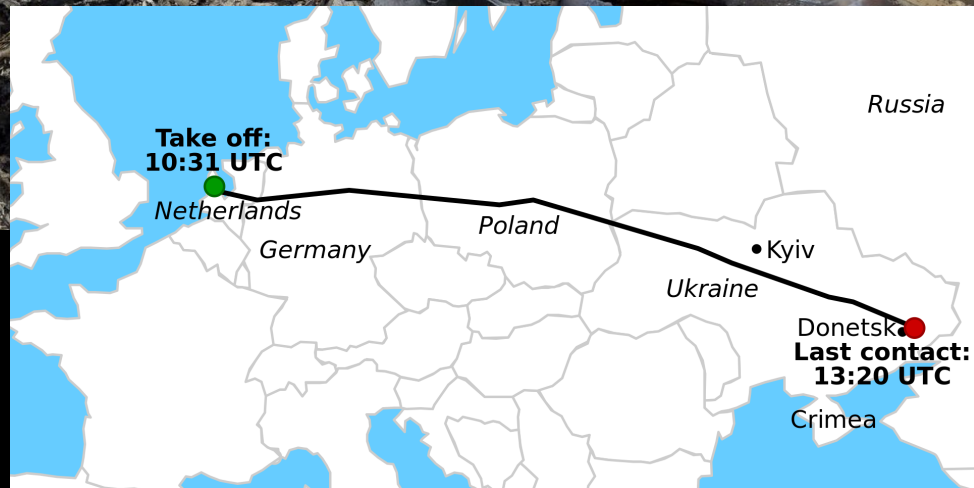
Andrew Butko



Qypchak

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17

July 17, 2014



Kerch Bridge





US National Security Council (NSC)

- President's principal forum for national security and foreign policy decision making with his or her senior national security advisors and cabinet officials
- Established by the National Security Act of 1947, today a part of the Executive Office of the President
- Chaired by the President of the United States, regular attendees are:
 - Vice President
 - Secretary of State
 - Secretary of the Treasury
 - Secretary of Defense
 - Secretary of Energy
 - Attorney General
 - Secretary of Homeland Security
 - Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations
 - Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development
 - Chief of Staff to the President
 - Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
 - Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the military advisor to the Council
 - Director of National Intelligence is the intelligence advisor
 - Counsel to the President and the Legal Advisor to the NSC are invited to attend every NSC meeting



Office of the Director of National Intelligence

- Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA) created the ODNI to improve information sharing, promote a strategic, unified direction, and ensure integration across the U.S. Intelligence Community
- The U.S. Intelligence Community is composed of 18 organizations:
 - 2 independent agencies—ODNI and the CIA
 - 9 Department of Defense elements—DIA, NSA, NGA, NRO, and intelligence elements of the 5 DoD services; the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force.
 - 7 elements of other departments and agencies—
 - Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence
 - Department of Homeland Security
 - Office of Intelligence and Analysis
 - U.S. Coast Guard Intelligence
 - Department of Justice
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
 - Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Office of National Security Intelligence
 - Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research
 - Department of the Treasury's Office of Intelligence and Analysis



US National Security Council Meeting



President Putin Meeting with Ministers



President Putin Meeting with Minister of Defense and Chief of the General Staff



Ukraine prior to February 2022 Russian Invasion



Backup Slides

Additional Suggested Reading for Sessions #3 & 4

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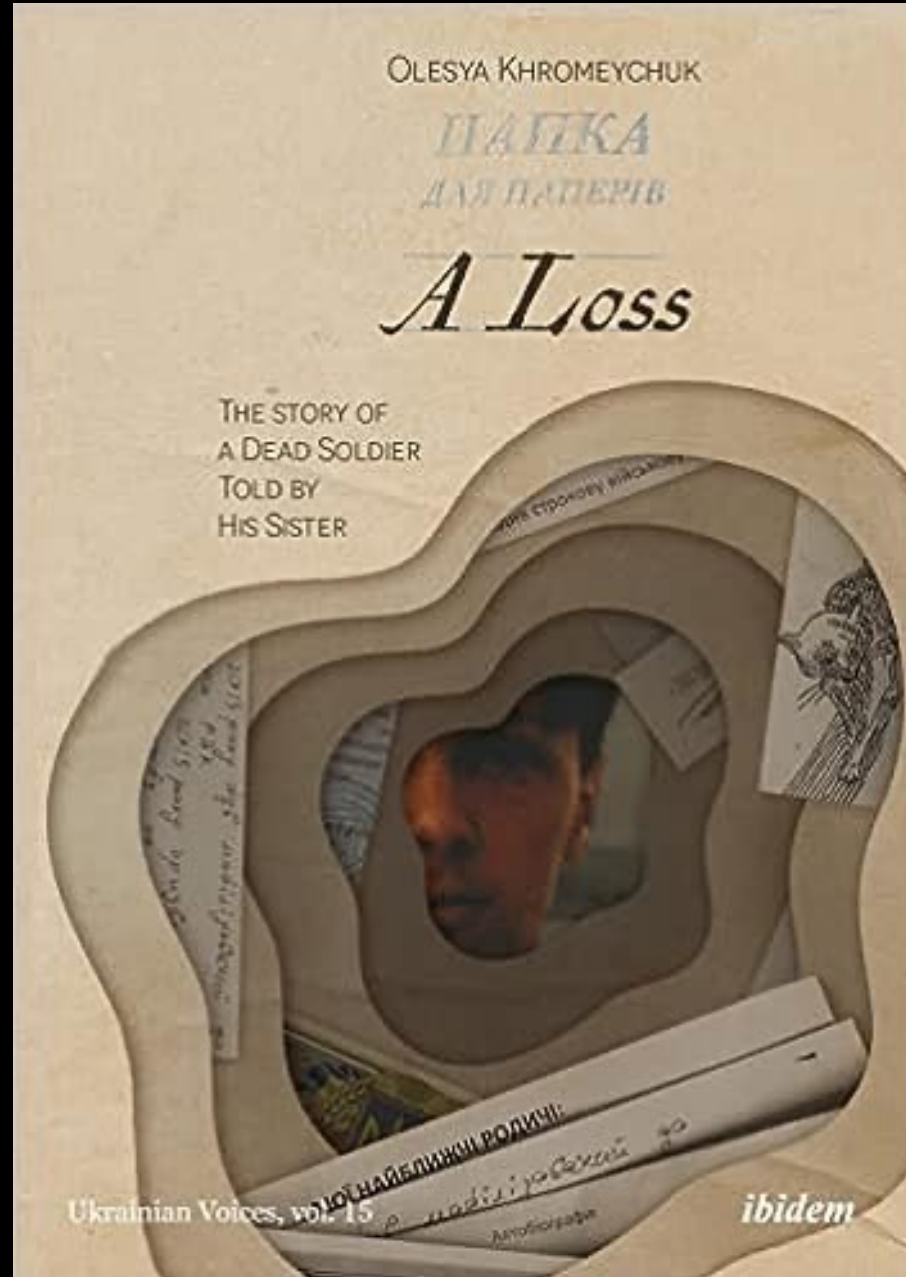
— **CALLING** —

Pavel Filatyev

 **AFCLC**

- Filatyev served as a paratrooper Sergeant in the 56th Guards Air Assault Regiment
- Stationed in Crimea, invaded Ukraine toward Kherson
- Published in Russia on-line
- Air Force Cultural and Language Center translation, available for reading on line on Air University Library website

Additional Recommended Reading



A Loss: The Story of a Dead Soldier Told by His Sister

– Olesya Khromeychuk

Part of a series called “Ukrainian Voices”



<https://www.olesyakhromeychuk.com/home>

Map of NATO Countries





Evolution of the Conflict

- I. Pre-invasion
- II. Invasion
- III. Static Defense
- IV. Counter-offensive
- V. Termination of Hostilities

