

Dealing with a Communist Dictatorship:

U.S. POLICY AND THE SOFTENING OF SOVIET-STYLE RULE

with

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12:00-1:30pm**

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The United States spends hundreds of billions of dollars on transforming the international landscape through military force in order to enhance America's national security. But is there any other way? This lecture explores America's Cold War experience in dealing with the communist states of Eastern Europe in an effort to make them less tyrannical and less hostile to the Western world. The focus will be on economic and psychological warfare, cultural and economic border penetration, and diplomacy as a tool of coercion in particular. The presentation also analyzes these policies in the light of the ideology, goals, strategies and tactics employed by the other side, while also considering the difficulties U.S. policy faces in adequately responding to external challenges. The discussion touches on the changing goals and strategies of U.S. foreign policy in Eastern Europe within the national independence/stability paradigm.

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