

## LEADERSHIP SCENARIOS IN UKRAINE. THE IMPACT OF EU AND RUSSIAN POLITICS

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**Abstract.** *The political crisis and subsequent civil conflict within Ukraine has raised a number of important questions in Europe. The idea that security is a problem dealt with in and around the EU has had to be rethought. Also the growing power of Russia and the leadership characteristics that stem from that power has created opportunity for significant geopolitical changes at the EU's external borders. The paper addresses the issue of political leadership from a multidimensional perspective in an effort to understand what each side really wants. With a conflict that has not stopped growing we find ourselves determined to understand the power struggle in and around Ukraine.*

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