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Conflict in Ukraine: How Did We Get Here? How Can We Get Out?

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The armed conflict in Ukraine today is deeply rooted in the history, economy, politics and culture of a profoundly divided nation. This talk will address the origins of the current conflict, the roles played in Ukraine by Russia and the West and the possible paths forward from here.

Victoria Vernon grew up and went to school in Ukraine, receiving a B.A. degree at Kharkov State University in 1995. She will draw on her personal and academic experience to shed light on the current conflict. An assistant professor of economics at SUNY Empire State College, where she currently teaches a course on history of the Soviet Union, Dr. Vernon holds a Ph.D in economics from the University of Texas at Austin. She was a visiting lecturer for 3 years at Princeton University where she taught the economics of Russia and Eurasia.

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