

The Spoiler: The Systemic Roots of Russian Revisionism

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Russian foreign policy behavior
cannot be separated from
domestic politics

The conflict between Russia and
the West is systemic and normative

Russia's authoritarian kleptocratic
system predisposes Moscow
toward a revisionist foreign policy

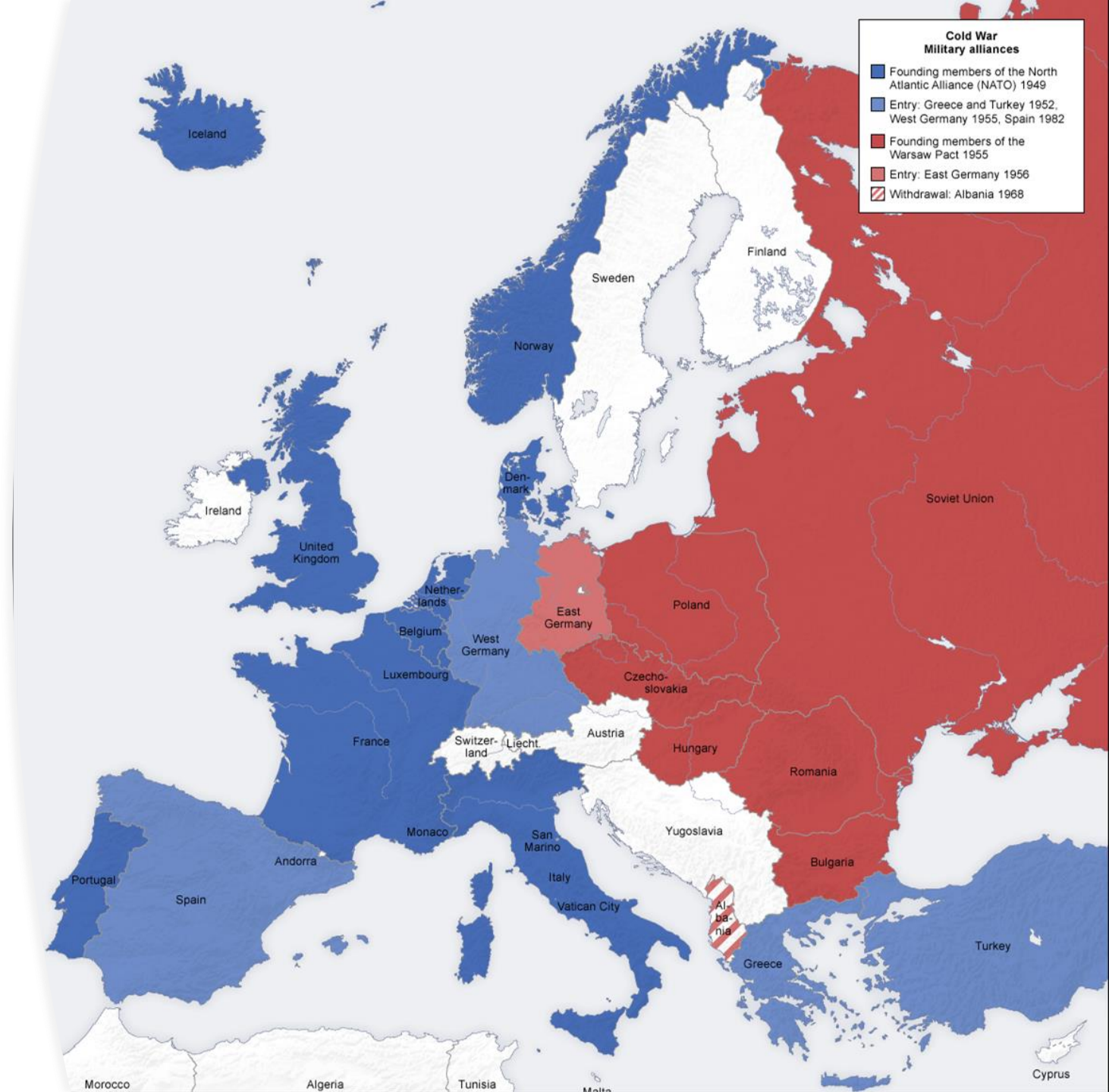
Western System vs. Russian “Sistema”

- Institutions
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Rule of Law
- Sanctity of Contracts
- Individual Rights
- “Playing by the rules”

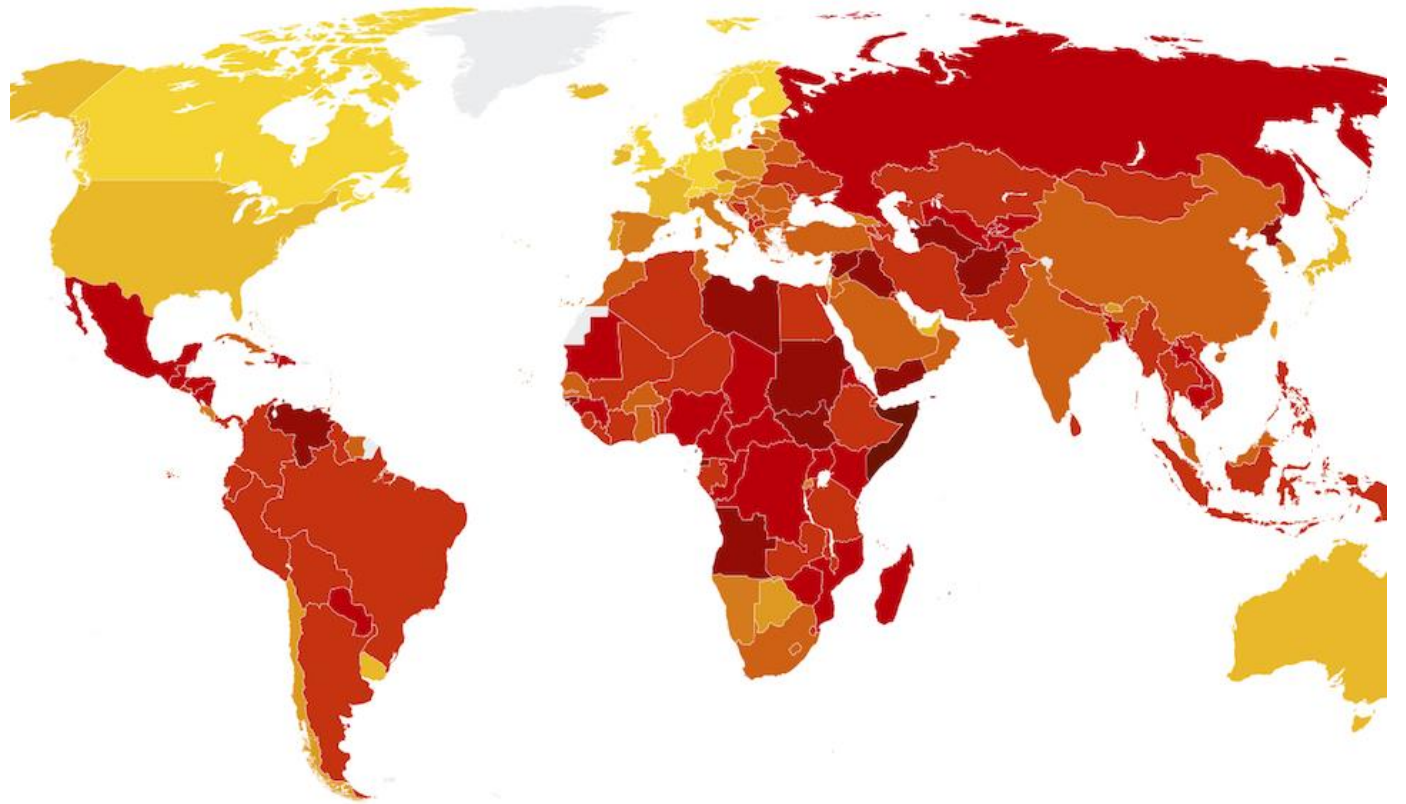
- Patronage
- Networks of Influence
- Sanctioned Kleptocracy
- Potemkin Institutions
- Unwritten Rules and Codes
- Personalized and Arbitrary Rule
- “Playing with the rules”

A New Cold War?

- Two Normative Systems
- Each seeking to infiltrating the other
- Rule-of-Law Land vs. Kleptocracy Land



Corruption is
the new
Communism



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Back to the '90s

- Компромáт
- Заказуха
- Маскирóвка
- Заказное убийство





The Spook Meets The Godfather

The Dark & Sinister Side of Globalization

- Globalizations spreads not only liberal values, but illiberal values as well
- Vladimir Putin's Russia has weaponized globalization to advance Moscow's geopolitical interests
- Two of the deadliest and most effective tools are corruption and organized crime



Russia's Shell Games

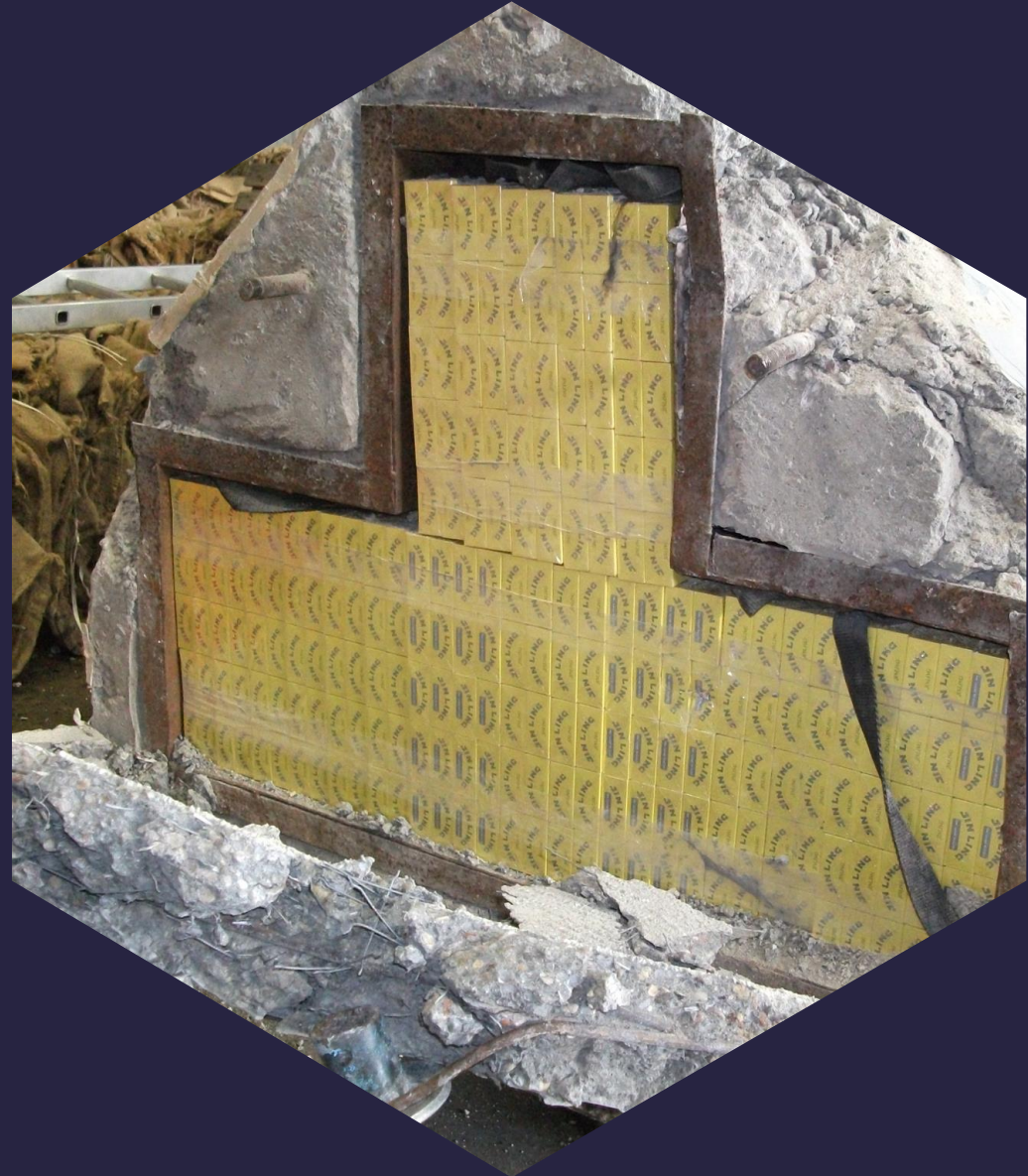


Putin's
Invisible Army
– The Stasi-
Gazprom
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Weaponized Cigarette Smuggling

- Border surveillance
- Intelligence support
- Generation of untraceable black cash



Toward Hybrid Containment

Holistic defense – bring non-defense arms of government into the national security discussion

Tighten beneficial ownership and money laundering legislation

FARA on steroids

A new CoCom

A non-kinetic early-warning system – a new type of DEFCON

“Nuclear options” on the table – SWIFT ban, sovereign debt ban