Putin, Trump and Russia-US Strategic Relations

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Over the past five years strategic relations between the United States and Russia have been at their lowest since the early 1980s. The so-called Magnitsky case, the Snowden affair and Syria, followed by the crisis over Ukraine, saw relations moving from the point of a strategic "reset", to a near open political and military confrontation.

The Russia factor was the dominant foreign affairs feature during the 2016 US presidential elections. During his election campaign, President Donald Trump promised to open a new chapter in a dialogue between Washington and Moscow. That promise was made against ongoing allegations of Russia’s interference in the elections. Despite what seemed to be a positive recent meeting between Trump and President Vladimir Putin at the G20 in Hamburg, the stalemate continues.

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Dr Alexey Muraviev to review the current state of superpower relations, the Putin-Trump connection, principal points of friction, and avenues of possible cooperation. AIIA gratefully acknowledges the support of Curtin University’s Strategic Flashlight forum on National Security and Strategy.

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