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The Modern Presidency from Kennedy to Trump:

This lecture will focus on how personality helped shape the politics of many of our modern presidents.



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## Russian Covert Intervention in the 2016 U.S. Elections: Do We Know What Really Back to previous page Happened?

#### James B. Bruce

This lecture will unpack and seek to clarify a key controversy surrounding the November 2016 election of Donald J. Trump. The unprecedented resignation of President Trump's National Security Advisor, Michael J. Flynn, only 24 days into the administration, and the persisting controversy since have highlighted the seriousness of the allegations of Russian covert intervention and the combined resolve of the investigations of Special Counsel Robert Mueller, the Congress, and the media to ascertain the truth of these allegations and present the facts and implications to the American people.

This lecture will address the following questions: What did Vladimir Putin and Russian intelligence actually do to attempt to influence the Trump and Clinton campaigns and the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election?

- How extensive was the cyber hacking and the injection of fake news and propaganda into U.S. social media and other campaign activities?
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- Were there pre-election back-channel contacts between Russian officials and the Trump campaign organization intended to facilitate Russian covert influence on the election?
- What effects did Russian influence attempts have on the results of the election?

In the year that has passed since the election, much new information has emerged to enable a more evidence-based approach to understanding these key controversies that clouded the election process, shaped Trump's disparagement of U.S. intelligence agencies and raised troubling questions that challenged the legitimacy of the election of the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

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