

# ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION RUSSIAN GRAND STRATEGY AND THE ASIA PACIFIC: WHAT ROLE FOR ASEAN?

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As the Asia-Pacific century unfolds, Russia emerges as a global power broker in this multi-polar order. Russia eagerly distances itself from the post-Cold War, unipolar order in which it appeared as a freshman on the world stage that played second fiddle to the United States. Russia's reassertion of a primary role in world affairs, reminiscent of its long great power past, has been accompanied by imperial fatigue in the United States, the imperious rise of China and of emerging regional powers such as India and Brazil. Whereas its western and southwestern flanks have been the focal points of its activism in world politics, what is Russia's strategy in the Asia Pacific?

What is the place of Southeast Asia in Russian foreign policy?



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