

Three Ways to Solve the Ukrainian Conflict: Cold War, Cold Peace, and Peaceful Coexistence

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Abstract. *Ukraine is a new geopolitical gravity point of the European continent where Russian, Ukrainian and Western interests collided. Author reviews three possible scenarios to resolve the Ukrainian crisis by political means: cold war, cold peace, and peaceful coexistence. The best outcomes for the future may be brought by the cold peace that requires two counterbalancing factors: lack of the common vision for Ukraine's future by the main actors of the conflict, and an understanding of the sanctions' inefficiency. The most undesirable scenario would be a cold war; it will lead to the introduction of new harsh sanctions, a complete reorientation of the markets, the curtailment of contacts and any form of cooperation.*

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