



**“The Russian Invasion of Ukraine:  
The Relevance of History”**

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The Russian invasion of Ukraine, against the great majority of pre-war expectations, will soon enter its second year with no clear end in sight. During this HANK Talk, we will emphasize the role that competing understandings of History have played in the decisions of the war's most important participants and discuss how future historians may likely present its importance.



This HANK Talk will be in-person in the James F. Veninga Theater in the UW Center for Civic Engagement on the UW-Stevens Point at Wausau campus and streamed live on the [Lecture & Arts YouTube Live](#) channel.

The archived Talk (and the entire series) will be accessible from the UW-Stevens Point at Wausau [Lecture & Arts](#) webpage.

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