

Review of: "Rebuilding a 'Greater Russia' and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine"

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The Author presents a short and concise article on Moscow's effort to rebuild a greater Russia through the war in Ukraine. The article is short and provides a brief overview which I assume is also the aim with the publication. The author provides useful insights on Russia's long term strategies towards its neighbouring states and is an important contribution for seeing Russia's war on Ukraine in a longer perspective.

To improve the article I propose the following: 1) The author employs emotionally loaded terms such as "murderous" which should be underpinned by ex. UN on civilian deaths (which are very conservative) and sources on suspected war crimes. Additionally, the use of sources can be improved by not appearing last in the paragraphs, but after the relevant sentence. The reader is now not sure what is referred to or what is the author's own opinion. 2) The last heading has almost no text – the second paragraph is still hanging in the air. The article ends abruptly and the conclusion can be improved. 3) The two first paragraphs in the abstract are a bit overlapping.

Overall, good arguments and good contribution.