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Shock to the System: Russia's Invasion of Ukraine and the Prospects for Liberal Ordering

Russia's invasion of Ukraine prompted a decisive response among the liberal democratic community. The United States, European Union, United Kingdom and Japan imposed unprecedented sanctions and export controls on Russia, provided military assistance to Ukraine, and have agreed to expand NATO to admit Finland and Sweden. Yet, despite the revival of the liberal democratic cartel to confront Russia, the reconstitution of the US liberal hegemonic order is unlikely. Global economic sanctions, food insecurity and soaring energy prices will sustain the hedging strategies of emerging powers such as China and India, as well as the other Eurasian states caught between Russia and the West. Sustaining democratic unity will prove more difficult as the war in the eastern Ukraine enters a new phase, especially as illiberal counter-ordering movements continue to network across the West, supported by unreformed disinformation ecosystems and kleptocratic networks that operate within the West's "open" institutions.

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