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# ***Understanding U.S. Sanctions on Russia: Geopolitical Factors, Key Events, and Russian Popular Reaction***

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**19:15pm – 20:30pm**

**café**sambal authentic malaysian  
cuisine & bar

**259 Jiashan Lu, Jiashan Market, Block A, No 37, near Jianguo Xi Lu  
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19:00 – Doors Open

19:15 – Lecture

20:00 – Q&A

21:30 – Mixer/Dinner

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**American sanctions against Russia signify the beginning of the most significant deterioration of the international order since the end of the Cold War. The talk will be given from the perspective of a Russian finance and natural resources industry practitioner, and will cover key events leading to the sanctions, including the industrial logic of the sanctions, technical composition of the sanctions, as well as the Russian official and popular reaction to the sanctions. It will be argued that the sanctions are effectively supporting anti-democratic forces inside Russia by unifying the Russian population behind the ultra-conservative political agenda. While European energy security considerations and American industrial interests (specifically those of the American shale and deep water hydrocarbon industry) have played an important role in the shaping of the sanctions, the most fundamental rationale is that Russia is seen by the United States as an opponent and adversary in exercising meaningful control over Europe.**

**[Pavel Ananienko](#)** is the General Manager for China at VTB Bank, Russia's largest corporate and investment bank. Pavel's experience covers over twenty years in banking and corporate finance. He started his career at Citibank and HSBC working in a number of roles including the Head of Energy and Resources for HSBC Russia. Prior to VTB he was the Head of Treasury at Russia's largest chemical company, SIBUR Holding. He was also voted Russia's Treasurer of the Year in 2013 by the Russian CFO Awards, and holds an MPhil in Economics from Cambridge University, an MA in Political Science from Central European University, and BA in Chinese Economy and Mandarin Chinese from Russia's Far Eastern State University in Vladivostok.

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