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Does Europe Matter Anymore? First-Hand Insights on the Crisis of European Economics and Geopolitics

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Europe is facing a perfect storm of its own making. A crisis of political leadership, the economic and strategic costs of sanctions, weakening competitiveness and an increasingly visible lack of unity among European countries are converging at precisely the wrong moment. Meanwhile, the EU spends too much political capital on internal debates while its relations deteriorate with virtually every major centre of global power—from Russia and China to the Middle East and, increasingly, even the United States. Drawing on his direct engagement with senior policymakers across several EU member states, as well as two months of recent travel across Russia and the wider Eurasian continent, Professor Geraci will combine political and economic analysis with first-hand observations from the ground to assess whether Europe can reverse this trajectory and remain a relevant global actor, or whether it will continue its decline on the global stage.

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