

# Book Launch

**Russia, China and  
the Revisionist Assault on the  
Western Liberal International Order**

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Gerlinde Groitl's book analyzes Russian and Chinese revisionism in the face of US and Western post-Cold War liberal international order building and asks why both powers have turned revisionist in the late 2000s. It develops a neoclassical realist model of international order building and contestation and posits to view revisionism as a strategic choice. States go revisionist if the status quo international order threatens their vital security needs and if they have the means to challenge the undesirable status quo. Russia and China were both unhappy with the post-Cold War international order of American designs, but had to opt for accommodation in the 1990s and early 2000s, before revisionism became even more of a necessity and a real policy option from the late 2000s onward. In her book Groitl calls for a policy of neo-containment to counter Moscow's and Beijing's efforts to game and erode the international order.