

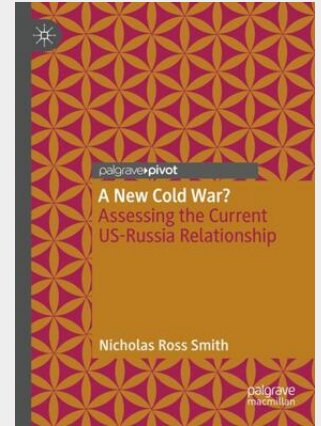
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A New Cold War?

Assessing the Current US-Russia Relationship

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