

## **Beyond the Headlines—Role-playing**

### **Chinese Analyst**

Pretend that you are an analyst advising a high-ranking Chinese government official. Write a policy briefing on what China's military, strategic, and economic interests are in Central Asia since the end of the Cold War. You can write it as a briefing paper, or prepare a PowerPoint.

- Summarize the last twenty years of recent history following the collapse of the Soviet Union including border disputes, developments in Xingjiang province and China's participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- Analyze the U.S. and Russian positions and interests in the region and where they converge and diverge with those of China
- Specifically outline what you believe should be China's foreign policy objectives in Kyrgyzstan. (What does China want in Kyrgyzstan? What are the main challenges or dangers? How will China best reach its goals?)

Your group will present its completed briefing to the class.

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### **Russian Analyst**

Pretend that you are an analyst advising a high-ranking Russian government official. Write a policy briefing on what Russia's military, strategic, and economic interests are in Central Asia since the end of the Cold War. You can write it as a briefing paper, or prepare a PowerPoint.

- Summarize the last twenty years of recent history including Russia's support for ethnic Russians in Central Asia.
- Analyze the US and Chinese positions and interests in the region and where they converge and diverge with those of Russia.
- Specifically outline what you believe should be Russia's foreign policy objectives in Kyrgyzstan. (What does Russia want in Kyrgyzstan? What are the main challenges or dangers? How will Russia best reach its goals?)

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### **U.S. Analyst**

Pretend that you are an analyst advising a high-ranking U.S. government official. Write a policy briefing on what the U.S.'s military, strategic, and economic interests are in Central Asia since the end of the Cold War. You can write it as a briefing paper, or prepare a PowerPoint.

- Summarize the last twenty years of recent history including the role of Central Asian countries in U.S. military operations in Afghanistan and the U.S. response to human rights violations in Central Asia.
- Analyze Russia and China's positions and interests in the region and where they converge and diverge with those of the United States.
- Specifically outline what you believe should be the U.S.'s foreign policy objectives in Kyrgyzstan. (What does the United States want in Kyrgyzstan? What are the main challenges or dangers? How will the United States best reach its goals?)

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