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Colin P. Clarke: What Trump's Second Term Means for the Global Conflicts

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In this Orion Talks conversation, hosted by Suat Cubukcu, Dr. Colin Clarke explores the potential implications of Donald J. Trump's return to the White House. He analyzes how a second Trump presidency could reshape U.S. foreign policy priorities, alter the trajectory of the war between Russia and Ukraine, and test NATO's cohesion and deterrence strategies. Additionally, Dr. Clarke examines Trump's promises to broker peace in the Middle East, particularly between Israel and Hamas, while addressing broader regional tensions involving Iran and its proxies. The discussion concludes with an evaluation of how Trump's approach may redefine U.S. strategic competition with China and its overall impact on global stability.

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