

The war in Europe has put the international system at risk of breakdown. While Russia's fear of NATO at its doorstep is legitimate, invasion of a sovereign country can never be justified. Ukraine has been an attractive destination for international student, more particularly for medical courses. Nearly 18000 Indian student have returned back to India and staring at a blank future. No city in Ukraine remain unstruck by the missile attacks. The critical infrastructures have been intentionally targeted. There is no sight of end to war in near future. Russia intends to cover Neo-Russia in east and South-east Ukraine. This will force European countries as well as the US to support an insurgency movement in occupied Ukraine. The siege of Ukraine will be akin to Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. It might take a couple of years, but the retreat of Russia from Ukraine is certain. A protracted conflict will keep away the foreign students including thousands of Indian students.

War not only damages the present but also the aspirations of the future generation. Global military industry complex spends billions on war games and security studies. What is required is narrative of 'peace'. 'Peace Studies' should be promoted by the universities. The focus should not be on segmented and fractured identities, but cooperation, celebration and shared destiny of mankind. In the current issue of the journal, we are carrying a ground reality based essay on conflict in the northern Myanmar. I wish we can receive papers on sociology of living in peaceful societies. Such documentation can help in finding new visions to steer the mankind beyond the current predicament.

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