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# The World Affairs Council Presents

## “Vladimir Putin & Russian Statecraft”

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Since Russian leader Vladimir Putin assumed power in August 1999, speculation about his character, motives, and plans for Russia’s future has been rampant. A portrait of Putin has emerged in the West that is one-dimensional and diametrically opposed to the image of Putin the majority of Russians hold. Even after he stepped down as president in May 2008, retaining a significant measure of power as prime minister under his hand-picked successor, President Dmitri Medvedev, Putin remains poorly understood. In

this interpretive biography of Putin, Allen C. Lynch seeks to reconcile the two conflicting images and find out just where the truth lies about the man and the statesman. Lynch convincingly demonstrates how a complex interplay of Russia’s post-Soviet circumstances and the particular path of Putin’s career have influenced his choices.



**The Jefferson Hotel**

**Tuesday, January 24th, 2012**

**5:00pm – Registration & Networking**

**Member’s Lecture: \$10.00**

**5:45pm – Program Commences**

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**7:00pm – Dinner with the Speaker**

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