

# What Russia's New Defense Minister Means for the Ukraine War

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As Russia opens a new front in its invasion of Ukraine, the country has a new Defense Minister. Sergei Shoigu has been replaced with the economist Andrei Belousov. Who is he, and what does his appointment mean for Russia's war machine?

This week we talked with Ruben Enikolopov, a political economist and professor at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, about what to expect from Belousov's new role.

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