

PERSONAL PROFORMA
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“THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS REVISITED”
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Professor David Stevenson has recently retired as Professor of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he taught the history of International Relations in the 19th & 20th Centuries. His publications include, *“With our Backs to the Wall: Victory and Defeat in 1918”*, *“1914-1918: The History of the First World War”* and his most recent, *“1917: War, Peace and Revolution”*, which was judged outstanding by Simon Heffer in *The Telegraph*.

The Cuban Missile Crisis is now more than 60 years old, but it remains perhaps the most dangerous event in world history. This talk will analyse the origins, course, and outcome of the crisis, focusing on 3 questions: Why did the Soviet Union deploy nuclear missiles in Cuba; Why did the United States respond by blockading the island; and why did the Soviet Union withdraw?



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