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In today's [#vatniksoup](#) I'll introduce a Norwegian political scientist and pro-Russian propagandist, Glenn Diesen ([@Glenn_Diesen](#)). He is best-known for his promotion of pro-Russian propaganda on RT and for his articles on conspiratorial, "anti-globalist" blog Steigan.

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Glenn is widely known as a regular commentator on RT, and Swedish journalist and writer Patrik Oksanen (@patrikoksanen) has referred to him as being "part of the Russian propaganda machinery".

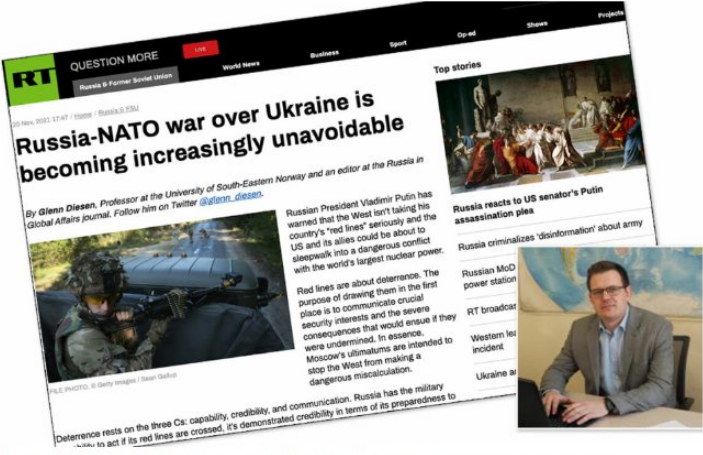
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THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Criticized for writing in state-run, Russian RT: - Unacademic, professor replies

"Respectable academics have nothing there to do," says a research colleague. Professor Glenn Diesen, for his part, says that he will not stop sending posts to Russian channel RT.




The screenshot shows an RT news article. The main headline is "Russia-NATO war over Ukraine is becoming increasingly unavoidable" by Glenn Diesen. The article text includes: "Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned that the West isn't taking his country's 'red lines' seriously and the US and its allies could be about to sleepwalk into a dangerous conflict with the world's largest nuclear power." and "Red lines are about deterrence. The purpose of drawing them in the first place is to communicate crucial security interests and the severe consequences that would ensue if they were undermined. In essence, Moscow's ultimatums are intended to stop the West from making a dangerous miscalculation. Russia has the military Deterrence rests on the three Cs: capability, credibility, and communication. Russia is likely to act if its red lines are crossed, it's demonstrated credibility in terms of its preparedness to".

Professor Glenn Diesen at USN has been criticized by his colleagues for the articles he has written for Russia Today. USN/Facsimile Russia Today

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A Norwegian human rights activist, Aage Borchgrevink (@AageB) has said that Diesen plays "an important role in RT as the Western expert", providing him legitimacy as a Kremlin mouthpiece.

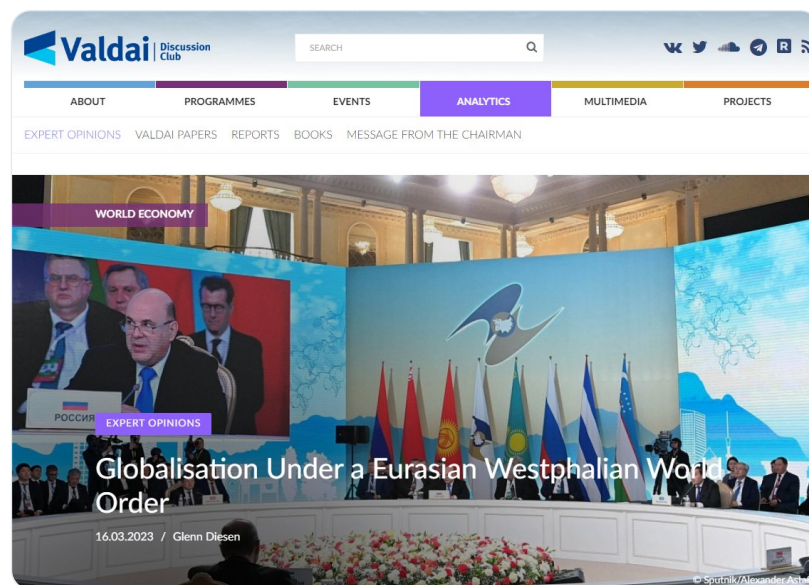
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The screenshot shows a news article from Forskerforum. At the top, there is a banner with the RT logo and a photo of a crowd. Below the banner, a caption reads: "Glenn Diesen, who is opposed to Russia's war on Ukraine, believes that it is important to understand the opposing side, and so intends to continue writing. Photo: Shutterstock/private". The main headline is "Norwegian professor writes for Russian state channel: 'He ought to resign and apologise'". The author is identified as "Av Forskerforum" and the article was published on "4. april 2022". A sub-headline says "Here's this month's News in English." The main text states: "Professor Glenn Diesen, Russia researcher at the University of South-Eastern Norway (USN), authored over fifty commentary pieces for the state-run Russian news channel RT last year." A quote from Aage Borchgrevink is included: "'He ought to resign and apologise,' says Aage Borchgrevink from the Norwegian Helsinki Committee. However, Diesen, who is opposed to Russia's war on Ukraine, believes that it is important to understand the opposing side, and so intends to continue writing. He has been given the backing of Rector Petter Aasen, who has defended the professor's right to free expression." On the right side, there is a box for "Stillinger" (Opinions) from the "INSTITUTT FOR SAMFUNNS-FORSKNING" (Institute for Social Research), with the sub-heading "Kvantitativ samfunnsforsker" (Quantitative social researcher). Below this, it says "Mest lest" (Most read) and lists the article "Kontorlandskap er ikke framtidsrettet" (Office landscape is not future-oriented).

Borchgrevink also described Diesen's writings as "unreliable" and their factual basis "doubtful", making them a perfect fit for both RT and Sputnik. He's also member of the Moscow-based think tank, The Valdai Discussion Club.

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The screenshot shows the website of the Valdai Discussion Club. The header includes the logo "Valdai Discussion Club", a search bar, and social media icons. The navigation menu has tabs for "ABOUT", "PROGRAMMES", "EVENTS", "ANALYTICS", "MULTIMEDIA", and "PROJECTS". Below the menu, there are links for "EXPERT OPINIONS", "VALDAI PAPERS", "REPORTS", "BOOKS", and "MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN". The main content area features a large image of a conference with the title "Globalisation Under a Eurasian Westphalian World Order". The article is dated "16.03.2023" and written by "Glenn Diesen". The image shows a speaker at a podium with a microphone, and a large screen in the background displaying the Valdai logo and various flags.

Glenn's actively trying to control the narrative on his own Wikipedia page, despite his obvious conflict of interest. With his account, Gead1979, he's been trying add claims such as being "famous for developing a geoeconomic concept", but other editors have called out on his BS.

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COI [edit]

The user Gead1979 has replaced the sourced article with a self-serving hagiography. The subject's full name is Glenn Eric Andrie Diesen (initials: GEAD) and he is born in 1979[1]c, in other words the user uses the full initials and year of birth of Diesen. --PeterLakd (talk) 22:51, 18 March 2022 (UTC) [reply]

PeterLakd: Please, see WP:OUTING. Also note that while editors with COI are discouraged from editing articles directly, they are still welcome to discuss, and their objections need to be considered. MarioGom (talk) 12:33, 20 March 2022 (UTC) [reply]

The sources used by Gead1979 [edit]

Gead1979 has added claims such as "Diesen is famous" for developing a geoeconomic concept. None of the sources -- that include a Kremlin-affiliated think tank -- support the assertion. Diesen is cited 299 times in Google Scholar, so it's a very exceptional claim that he is "famous" for developing a new scholarly concept.

Gead1979 has also added the claim that "The attempt to smear Professor Diesen as a "propagandist" has been widely criticized in the Norwegian media as a Norwegian McCarthyism". The sources used to support this claim are fringe sources such as no:Resett (for an article in English, see RationalWiki[2]?) and Steigan.no, both "alternative news" websites known for publishing conspiracy theories and factually inaccurate content, that were denied membership in professional journalistic associations and that are regularly criticized by the country's fact-checking site Faktisk.no (owned by the large media companies in Norway including NRK). However, it is true that these fringe sources discuss the fact that Diesen is widely described as purveyor of Russian propaganda by mainstream sources and experts. --PeterLakd (talk) 10:16, 22 March 2022 (UTC) [reply]

Glenn Diesen [edit]

Glenn Diesen (edit | talk | history | links | watch | logs | views) -- (View AfD | edit since nomination)
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Redacted private information. Involved: Svensson Glad (talk) 13:19, 20 March 2022 (UTC) [reply]

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Delete This is an article that only smears, and all nuance is deleted Gead1979 (talk) 11:47, 22 March 2022 (UTC)--Gead1979 (talk & contribs) has made law or no other edit outside this topic. [reply]

Keep The fact that sources paint a subject in bad light and might be disparaging against the subject, that does not mean the article is an attack -- as long as it is with due weight in regards to the subject in question and based on reliable sources, which this seem to be. Checking the available Norwegian sources, I find this passes at least GIC. Involved: Svensson Glad (talk) 22:43, 20 March 2022 (UTC) [reply]

Delete This page only publishes smears to present Diesen as an propagandist. While all articles criticizing these attacks are deleted by the same editors. Diesen is a professor who has published 9 books, developed important concepts in political economy and has been praised widely by both politicians and academics. In this "biography" he is presented as a "propagandist" with all articles repudiating this view are deleted by the same editors who attempt to smear him. Gead1979 (talk) 07:00, 21 March 2022 (UTC)--Gead1979 (talk & contribs) has made law or no other edit outside this topic. [reply]

He is cited 299 times in Google Scholar and works at a former vocational college that has recently become a university. Despite that he has received significant media attention for his prominent role in promoting Russian propaganda in Scandinavia. Virtually all mainstream RD coverage of him (excluding RT and Sputnik) [2]c: the source here. Forsetforum, is the magazine owned by the Norwegian Association of Researchers, the main trade union for academics) The "sources" that allegedly "repudiated" his portrayal in mainstream sources were low-quality "sources" including far-right blog no:Resett that is known to publish factually inaccurate content and racist material, and Russian propaganda outlets, but even those "sources" took as their starting point that he is widely described as a Russian propagandist by mainstream media, organizations and experts in Scandinavia. --PeterLakd (talk) 07:07, 21 March 2022 (UTC) [reply]

Diesen's talking points revolve around "multipolarity" of the world, heavily focusing on anti-US and anti-NATO rhetoric. By his view, the US is heading into economic catastrophe whereas its opponents, especially Russia and China, are thriving.

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Russian foreign policy thinking has evolved significantly in recent years. Defined throughout the 1990s by a notable lack of any clearly defined strategic course, there is now a clear vision of the type of global order that Russia wants. Russian foreign policy thinking is reaching far beyond traditional realism to embrace global risk sharing, although the extent to which the country ought to embrace a truly global security agenda is still hotly debated. Too little attention has been paid in the West to this intellectual evolution, and to what it says about Russia's long term foreign policy goals.



In his first article for Steigan, he discussed how the information war waged by the West against Russia threatens academic freedom, warning that "we should be very critical of how the information war affects both Russian and Western media coverage", and continuing...
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Information war against Russia threatens academic freedom

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...that "it is not the job of academics or journalists to polarize the policing as pro- or anti-Russia". Yet, this is exactly what he's doing as a Russian propagandist in his articles and on his podcast.

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Glenn Diesen
@Glenn_Diesen

24 years ago today, NATO began its illegal war against Yugoslavia. When the media criticized the bombing - NATO bombed the media outlet. When China criticized the bombing - NATO bombed the Chinese embassy. Then a criminal tribunal was set up that would not investigate NATO.



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Glenn Diesen
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When 73% of Ukrainians voted for Zelensky's peace platform in 2019, but far-right groups trained & armed by the US forced Zelensky to abandon his peace mandate

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Members of the nationalist movements light flares during a rally marking Defense of the Homeland Day in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Monday. (Efrem Lukatsky / Associated Press)

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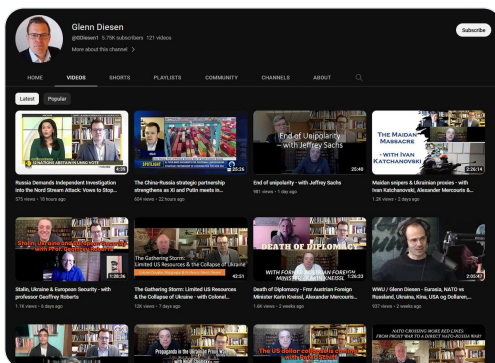
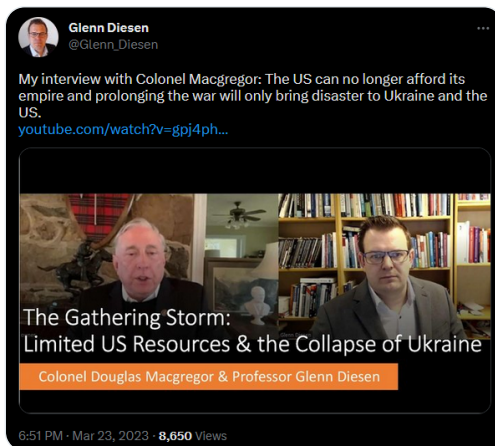
Glenn Diesen has a small YouTube/Rumble channel where he does regular interviews with people who share his views. For example in Feb 2023, he invited the old man Chomsky to talk about propaganda in the "Ukrainian Proxy War".

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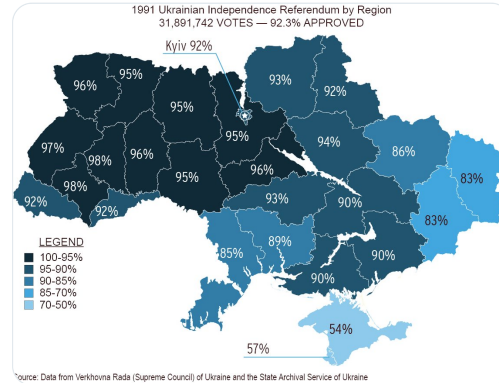
Other people he's interviewed are very much in the "vatnik" category, including Douglas Macgregor, Karin Kneissl and Scott Ritter. As you can already guess, these talks contain little to no critical views on Russia's actions and politics.

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When talking about Ukraine, Glenn often refers to it as a "divided" country, referring to the Ukrainian presidential election map from 2010. I can post maps too: Here's the Ukrainian Independence Referendum from 1991. Also, check this other map on ethnicities inside Russia.

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Glenn's naturally talked about the Revolution of Dignity being a "NATO-backed coup d'etat" that was "not supported by the majority of Ukrainians". "Meddling" of Victoria Nuland, involvement of far-right groups, it's all there.

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In February 2014, NATO backed a coup d'état in Ukraine to remove President Yanukovich, who insisted that Ukraine be neutral, replacing him with a pro-Western/anti-Russian regime. NATO celebrated this as a "democratic revolution." But Yanukovich was elected in a free and fair election according to the OSCE, and in contrast, the Maidan protests were not supported by the majority of Ukrainians and even fewer supported a coup d'état that violated Ukraine's constitution. The BBC reported that after the coup d'état, Kiev's city council was decorated with Nazi symbols.



The uprising in Kiev's Maidan Square was portrayed as a popular uprising against corruption, but it was controlled by the CIA and other Western intelligence and led Nazi forces to important positions of power.

I guess Mr. Diesen hasn't heard about Russia's interference in EVERY Ukrainian election or about Yanukovich's plans of becoming the new Lukashenko in Ukraine:

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As a little dessert for today's rather heavy [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce a real coup that was supposed to be done by Yanukovich and his Party of Regions, with the help of Putin. This conspiracy was revealed by a former People's Deputy of Ukraine, Oleg Anatolyevich Tsaryov.



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In 2020, Diesen collaborated with KGB agent Arne Treholt to write an op-ed for the Norway's largest printed newspaper, Aftenposten. Treholt was arrested for espionage on behalf of the USSR in 1984, and was convicted to 20 years in prison.


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Norway in a divided Europe | Glenn Diesen and Arne Treholt

Glenn Diesen
Arne Treholt



Russian President Vladimir Putin at a conference in the Kremlin on January 11 this year. Photo: Pavel Golovkin/Pool/Reuters/NTB scanpix

Following Treholt's arrest, he was described as "the greatest traitor to Norway since Quisling", and his espionage has been seen as the most serious spy case in Norway's modern history.

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The New York Times

Arne Treholt, 80, Dies; Diplomat Convicted of Spying for Soviets

A Norwegian, he handed over NATO plans and other secrets in one of the Cold War's biggest espionage scandals. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

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Arne Treholt, left, chief press officer for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was photographed in 1983 with two K.G.B. officers, Gennady Titov, center, and Aleksandr Lopatin. A year later Mr. Treholt was arrested on espionage charges. Norwegian Special Branch Police/SCANPIX, via Associated Press

In Jun 2022, Glenn published a book called Russophobia: Propaganda in International Politics. "Russophobia" is a Kremlin-made and spread term to deflect any criticism towards the Russian hostilities and meddling, ...

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...and it was highly popular during the Orange Revolution of 2004 and after the Russian invasion of Feb 2022. The book can now be bought at "reduced price" for only 100 USD, in case you're interested.

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Glenn Diesen @Glenn_Diesen

My book "Russophobia: Propaganda in International Politics" is now sold at a reduced price. The book explores the role of Russia as the West's principal "other" over the past 300+ years.

This book defines Russophobia, defined as the irrational fear of Russia, a key theme in the study of propaganda in the West as Russia has throughout history been assigned a diametrically opposite identity as the "Other". Propaganda is the science of convincing an audience without appealing to reason. The West and Russia have been portrayed as Western versus Eastern, European versus Asian, civilized versus barbaric, modern versus backward, liberal versus authoritarian, and even good versus evil. During the Cold War, ideological dividing lines had naturally by casting the debate as capitalism versus communism, democracy versus totalitarianism, and Christianity versus atheism. After the Cold War, anti-Russian propaganda aims to filter all political questions through the simplistic binary viewpoint of democracy versus authoritarianism, which presents little if any realistic value to understand the complexities of relations. A key feature of propaganda against the infamous "Other" is both contemptuous derision and panic-induced fear of the threat to civilization. Russia has therefore throughout history been allowed to play one of two roles—either an agent of dehumanization by accepting the subordinate role as the student and political object, or a threat that must be contained or overhauled. While propaganda has the positive effect of promoting unity and mobilizing resources toward external and strategic objectives, it can also have the negative effect of creating irrational decision-making.

Glenn Diesen is a professor in political economy and sociology at the University of South Eastern Norway and an editor at the Russian Global Affairs Journal. He has published eight books about Russian foreign policy, conservatism, and political economy.

Russophobia
Glenn Diesen

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Propaganda in International Politics
Glenn Diesen

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So, it all there: Ukrainian nazis, proxy war, Russian "legitimate interests and security needs", "multipolar world", Russophobia, sanctions hurting the West.. Glenn wants to pose as a "neutral commentator" on the war, but it's very clear that he's just another Kremlin mouthpiece. 18/18

Glenn Diesen @Glenn_Diesen

Hard to disagree with this. The world is not siding with Russia or NATO/Ukraine. Western states which sabotaged peace agreements for the past 7+1 years can obviously not act as mediators. China is therefore the best actor to push for peace negotiations by representing the world

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Demanding that Russia withdraws before starting negotiations sounds virtuous, but it translates into the US fighting to the last Ukrainian in a war Ukraine cannot win. Offering to end NATO expansion in return for Russia withdrawing would be virtuous

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In today's #vatniksoup I'll introduce an Austrian diplomat, journalist and politician Karin Kneissl. She's best-known for serving as Austria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, blogging for RT, and being in the supervisory board of Russian integrated energy company, Rosneft.

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce an ex-US Army man who switched sides & is now working for the propaganda ministry of Russia. His name is Douglas Macgregor and he's one of the well-known commentators on the Russ-Ukrainian War making

commentators on the Russo-Ukrainian war, making predictions that never come true.

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce an American arms inspector, convicted criminal and a pro-Russian propagandist, Scott Ritter (@RealScottRitter). He's best known for his biased takes on the Russo-Ukrainian War, his propaganda work for RT and for his sex offenses.

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The Revolution of Dignity:



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In today's [#vatniksoup](#) and another edition of "You pronounced this nonsense, not me", I'll talk about an event called the Revolution of Dignity AKA Maidan Revolution. It was a wave of demonstrations in Ukraine that took place in 2013 and 2014.

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