

Conflict Simulation Game in Caucasus 2009

Role Profile

Name of participant	Lala Jumayeva
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Name of the role	Vladimir Putin
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Biography/CV (also little stories from “your” life):

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, born October 7, 1952 in Leningrad is the current Prime Minister of the Russian Federation. He was a president of Russia from 1999 till 2008.

Putin graduated from the International Branch of the Law Department of the Leningrad State University in 1975 and was recruited into the KGB. At the University he also became a member of the Soviet Communist Party, and has never formally resigned from it.

In 1976 he completed KGB retraining courses. In 1978 he entered other foreign intelligence in Moscow. After completing the training he served in the First Department of the Leningrad Directorate (foreign intelligence) until 1983. In 1983-1984 he studied at the KGB High School in Moscow. In 1984 Putin was promoted to Major.

From 1985 to 1990 the KGB stationed Putin in Dresden, East Germany. Following the collapse of the East German regime, Putin was recalled to the Soviet Union and returned to Leningrad, where in June 1990 he assumed a position with the International Affairs section of Leningrad State University. Putin formally resigned from the state security services on August 20, 1991, during the KGB-supported abortive putsch against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

On June 28, 1991, he was appointed head of the Committee for External Relations of the St. Petersburg Mayor's Office, with responsibility for promoting international relations and foreign investments.

From 1994 to 1997, Putin was appointed to additional positions in the St. Petersburg political arena. In March 1994 he became first deputy head of the administration of the city of Saint Petersburg. In 1995 (through June 1997) Putin led the St. Petersburg branch of the pro-government Our Home Is Russia political party. During this same period from 1995 through June 1997 he was also the head of the Advisory Board of the JSC Newspaper Sankt-Peterburgskie Vedomosti

On March 26, 1997 President Boris Yeltsin appointed Putin deputy chief of Presidential Staff, which he remained until May 1998, and chief of the Main Control Directorate of the Presidential Property Management Department (until June 1998).

On May 25, 1998 Vladimir Putin was appointed First Deputy Chief of Presidential Staff for regions, (replacing Viktoriya Mitina), and on July 15 of the same year - the Head of the Commission for the preparation of agreements on the delimitation of power of regions and the federal center attached to the President

On July 25, 1998 Yeltsin appointed Vladimir Putin Head of the FSB (one of the successor agencies to the KGB), the position Putin occupied until August 1999. He became a permanent member of the Security Council of the Russian Federation on October 1, 1998 and its Head on March 29, 1999.

In 1999 he was elected the current Prime Minister of the Russian Federation. He was a president of the Russian Federation from 1999 till 2008. In 2008 Medvedev nominated Putin as the country's prime minister.

Background information / professional position / function / tasks:

2008	Acting Prime Minister of Russia
2004	Re-elected as a President of Russia
2000	Elected President of Russia
1999	Acting President of Russia
1999	Prime Minister of Russia
1999	Director of the Federal Security Service and Secretary of the Security Council
1998	Director of the Federal Security Service
1997	Deputy head of the Presidential Administration and head of the Central Supervision and Inspections Directorate
1996	Deputy head of the President's Property Management Directorate
1991	Chairman of the St. Petersburg City Council's International Relations and First Deputy Chairman of the St. Petersburg City Government (First Deputy Mayor).
1990	Assistant to the rector of Leningrad State University, where he was responsible for international affairs
	Advisor to the chairman of the Leningrad City Council
1985-1990	KGB, East Germany

Interests & positions concerning the situation in the region

Russia has always been interested in the Caucasus Region since the period of tsar Peter 1. The main goal of the Russian Empire was to keep the region under its influence and to use it in its geopolitical and energy security policy. During the existence of the USSR Russia united 15 Republics and had unconditional impact on all of them. The Caucasus region was one of the territories that Russia didn't want to loose after the collapse of the USSR. Since the expansion of the NATO and the American influence became very dangerous for Russia the only way to keep the region under its control was to encourage the presence of a number of conflicts in the region. Therefore, the current conflict situation, where all three South Caucasian countries are involved in, is the only way for Russia to 'somehow' keep them under its con-

trol. The peace in the region is not in the interest of the Russian Government as there will be no other way to impact the states in the region and not let America to make a final step into the region. In the Caucasus Russia has lost its influence over Georgia, it regards Azerbaijan is an opponent country and its only ally in the region is Armenia.

Room to negotiate / possible strategies:

Negotiation is always possible. However, whatever the strategy is, the main purpose will be not to give up in the struggle for the impact in the region. Personally, I don't believe in effectiveness of the negotiation where the main stakeholders like Russia and the US are involved. Since the presence of this kind of third parties make the process slower.

Which resources do you possess?

(e.g. military, financial, territorial, lobbys, connections, goods of all kind...)

Russia has almost all recourses to use in the region however due to the situation around the region (as it is in the centre of other great powers) it doesn't have an opportunity to use them.

Allied stakeholders:

Armenia, Iran,

Opposing stakeholders:

US, Turkey, Georgia, NATO, Israel, Azerbaijan

Relevant forums, committees/panels, social/political/economical associations:

Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), GUAM, OSCE (Azerbaijan's Minsk Group and Mission for Georgian conflicts), Collective Security Treaty Organization (Armenia is here), and many other. I will do some research on this.

If you want to tell the simulation-game supervisors s.th. special about your role or about your probable strategy, please use this space.