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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll introduce a British euroskeptic, pro-Russian and anti-American author, John Laughland. He's best-known for his work for the Russia-funded Institute of Democracy and Cooperation and for Thierry Baudet's political party, Forum voor Democratie.

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He worked at the French Institute of Democracy and Cooperation from 2008 until 2018. It is an association founded by a Russian attorney Anatoly Kucherena. Kucherena is probably best-known for acting as a lawyer for both Viktor Yanukovych and Edward Snowden.

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The think tank aims to provide a "symmetrical response" to the human rights violation allegations that organizations like Freedom House introduce, meaning that they'll explain these scenarios from the Russian point of view. The institute is funded by Russian Presidential grants. 3/16

Laughland has written articles and publications on The American Conservative (known for "trustworthy" authors such as Douglas Macgregor and Scott Ritter) and



(with pro-Russian Scott Horton, among others).

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Already back in 1997, John published a critique on the EU, suggesting that it shares ideological affinity with fascism, Nazism and communism. He's also a stout critic of the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, stating that it was established illegitimately.

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 **Tainted source : undemocratic origins of the European idea**
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London : Little Brown
1997
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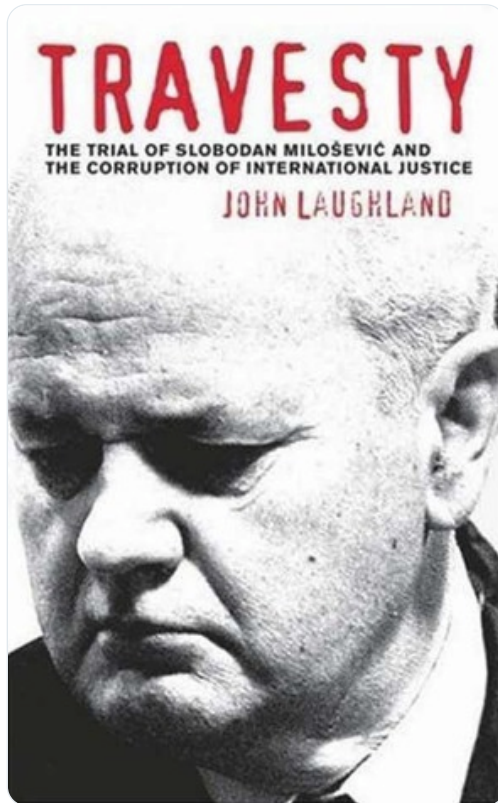
Biography
John Laughland (British, born 1963) is an author, academic, expert on international affairs and political philosophy and Eurosceptic journalist and commentator.

Summary
The book examines the intellectual origins of the European project, and finds similarities with fascist ideas, notably geopolitics, and Nazi economic policies. For example, German industrialists held a conference on a 'European economic community' in 1942. Laughland links Schuman, Monnet, Spaak and Delors to fascist organisations, but makes clear that he does not suggest that the European idea was inspired by fascist ideology. He finds further historical antecedents in the German customs union and subsequent unification of Germany in the 19th century, and as far back as the Holy Roman Empire. Laughland opposes the European Union because it undermines the nation state, which he considers as the essential foundation for liberty and democracy. He argues that the EU subordinates democracy and national sovereignty to corporatist economic objectives. He is wary of the power of central banks, and advocates a return of the gold standard. Laughland extends his criticism to international organisations like NATO, OSCE and the Council of Europe, which he chides for promoting antinationalism.

Laughland's criticized the trial of Slobodan Milošević and condemned the West's support of his opposition.

At the wake of the Orange Revolution in 2004, Laughland wrote a column in The Guardian, claiming that Viktor Yushchenko's coalition was linked to "neo-Nazis", ...

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... occupied Ukraine itself, when pre-empire war was waged against the Red Plague emanating from Moscow - yet these posters have passed without comment. Pora continues to be presented as an innocent band of students having fun in spite of the fact that - like its sister organisations in Serbia and Georgia, Otpor and Kmara - Pora is an organisation created and financed by Washington.

It gets worse. Plunging into the crowd of Yushchenko supporters in Independence Square after the first round of the election, I met two members of Una-Unso, a neo-Nazi party whose emblem is a swastika. They were unembarrassed about their allegiance, perhaps because last year Yushchenko and his allies stood up for the Socialist party newspaper, Silski Visti, after it ran an anti-semitic article claiming that Jews had invaded Ukraine alongside the Wehrmacht in 1941. On September 19 2004, Yushchenko's ally, Alexander Moroz, told JTA-Global Jewish News: "I have defended Silski Visti and will continue to do so. I personally think the argument ... citing 400,000 Jews in the SS is incorrect, but I am not in a position to know all the facts." Yushchenko, Moroz and their oligarch ally, Yulia Tymoshenko, meanwhile, cited a court order closing the paper as evidence of the government's desire to muzzle the media. In any other country, support for anti-semites would be shocking; in this case, our media do not even mention it.

...and based on him, Yushchenko was mostly supported by "druggy skinheads from Lviv". In reality, most of this "neo-Nazi" movement was a false flag operation funded by pro-Russian actors such as Putin's oligarch buddy Viktor Medvedchuk:

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Then, during the 2004 election Medvedchuk paid Kovalenko a "huge amount of money" so that he would organize a march supporting Yushchenko (against his wishes). This march included Nazi flags and far-right symbols, and Eduard even did a nazi salute during his speech.

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Laughland currently works as the director of the international department of conspiracy theorist Thierry Baudet's political party, Forum voor Democratie. Since then Baudet has organized several events with Laughland as a guest, for example the "China Symposium" in Aug, 2022.

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Baudet also visited John's YouTube show "The Laughland Report" and they discussed the matter of the "COVID conspiracy". Baudet seems to think highly of Laughland's academic work, as he referred Laughland's work several times on his doctoral thesis. He even invited John to...

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...address the Dutch Parliament about judicial independence. In addition to his work for Baudet, Laughland was a visiting Research Fellow at the Orbán-connected Mathias Corvinus Collegium in Budapest between Sep 2022 and Feb 2023.

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John's also been listed as an "expert" for the Russian propaganda channel Valdai Discussion Club, and he's participated in the academic board of the Ron Paul Institute.

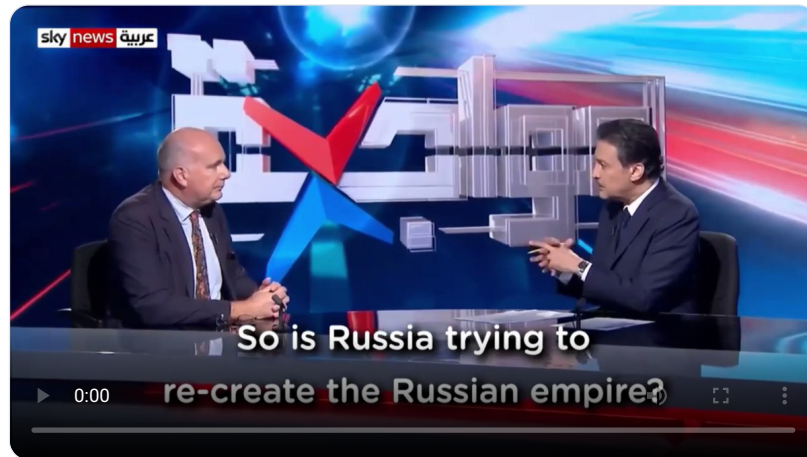
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In an interview by Sky News Arabia, in Sep, 2022, Laughland stated that Ukraine allegedly broke the Minsk agreement, that there "absolute is a Nazi element in Ukraine", that the war is between Russia and NATO & the US, that the sanctions are hurting the West more than ...

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... they are hurting Russia, and that they are actually helping Russia. When asked about Kosovo, Bosnia and Ukraine,he claimed that they aren't sovereign states and they wouldn't exist without Western military presence. You can see his overview on the war in the video below.13/16



In his upcoming book, "Endgame Ukraine", he argues that the "current war in Ukraine is the 'endgame' of American hegemonic aspirations", and that it'll eventually end being their "imperial overstretch" and "the brink of its downfall - as it was for Napoleon and Hitler."

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Laughland could be described as an academic with strong pro-Russian and anti-American views. He represents the intellectual section of the pro-Russian actors, working through think tanks, universities and associations, providing him the extra layer of credibility.

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But in the end, he's just another paid Kremlin actor, parroting the same narratives than all the other pro-Russian propagandists. What separates him from most other pro-Russian agents is that he's been playing this game at least since the late 90's.

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