Challenging American Hegemony: General de Gaulle’s Foreign Policy, 1963-68

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Forty-three years after his death, former French President General Charles de Gaulle remains a towering and divisive figure in the history of the Atlantic Community. During his time in power, his bold and fiercely independent policies won him praise throughout the world but strong criticism from France’s Western allies.

Dr. Martin argues that de Gaulle’s grand strategy sought to replace the Atlantic Community with an alternative based around the Soviet Union and a French-led Western Europe, in which the United States would revert to its traditional role as underwriter of Europe. He will explain how de Gaulle ultimately strengthened the Atlantic Community.

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