

**GEORGIAN WAR – 2008  
EXPLAINING THE DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS OF GEOPOLITICS**

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**ABSTRACT**

*Beyond the grand narratives, geopolitics is politics for geography. At the same time, it is a spatial manifestation of politics. If anything, be political or otherwise that affects the geographical or political space of a country or infringes on the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of a country, is geopolitics.*

*The Georgian War of 2008 is remembered as the first war of the 21st century on the soil of Europe. Although it lasted for only five days (from the night of 7th-8th August 2008 to 12th August 2008). It was a swift and decisive war. Although the war was fought over the separatist regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia in Georgia it changed not only the political map of Georgia but also the geopolitical configuration of the world at large. The Georgian War of 2008 is regarded as the return to the cold war.*

*The War itself was over within a few days, but the repercussions of this War continue to reverberate for many years. It shaped the wider geopolitical environment of the region. It also brought changes in relations between Russia, the US and the European Union.*

*This research provides an analysis of the geopolitical circumstances in and around Georgia and the geopolitical interests of Georgia as well as Russia and the clash of their national interests. It also presents an analysis of the larger geopolitics between Russia, the US and the European Union.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Geopolitics, Georgian War of 2008, Russia, US, European Union, NATO.*

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