

Ilya Budraitskis is a political and cultural theorist. His articles on Russian politics, culture and intellectual history were published in academic journals and media outlets such as *Jacobin*, *E-Flux* and *Mediapart*. For two decades, Budraitskis was active in the left-wing opposition movement in Russia. In 2022, after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine began, he was forced to leave the country and is currently a PhD candidate at the Sociology Department at the University of California, Berkeley. Budraitskis's essay collection *Dissidents Among Dissidents: Ideology, Politics and the Left in Post-Soviet Russia* was published in English by Verso in 2022 and was shortlisted for the Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize. His book *Russia's New Imperialism: Capital and Ideology*, co-authored with Ilya Matveev, came out in 2026 with Stanford University Press.