

## **Public discourse**

**In my own sector, punditry,  
the man from a high-status country  
— above all, until now, the US or UK —  
is invited to explain the world.**

**The man from a low-status country  
gets to explain his country.**

**The woman from a low-status country  
is at best invited to explain the  
situation of women in her country.**

**Similar dynamics have played out over Ukraine.  
Traditionally, it was Russians or high-status  
westerners who got to interpret the country  
to the world.**

**Even now, Ukrainian views risk being  
dismissed as partial or emotional.**

**Simon Kuper, Financial Times, July 21, 2022**