

Baltic Eastern European and Post USSR Case Studies: Soviet and Post Soviet

The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 marked a watershed moment in the history of Europe. The Baltic Eastern European and Post USSR region, which had been under Soviet control for nearly half a century, was suddenly thrust into a new era of independence. The countries of this region have since faced a daunting array of challenges, including economic restructuring, political instability, and social upheaval.

This book explores the political, economic, and social transformations that have taken place in the Baltic Eastern European and Post USSR region since the collapse of the Soviet Union. It features case studies of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, and Moldova, and analyzes the challenges and opportunities that these countries have faced in the post-Soviet era.



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Case Studies

Estonia

Estonia is a small country with a population of just over 1.3 million people. It is bordered by Russia to the east, Latvia to the south, and Finland to the north. Estonia was one of the first Soviet republics to declare independence in 1991, and it has since become a member of the European Union and NATO.

Estonia's post-Soviet transformation has been marked by rapid economic growth and political stability. The country has implemented a series of market reforms that have led to a sharp increase in foreign investment and economic growth. Estonia has also made significant progress in developing its democratic institutions and civil society.

Latvia

Latvia is a country with a population of just over 2 million people. It is bordered by Estonia to the north, Lithuania to the south, and Belarus and Russia to the east. Latvia was one of the first Soviet republics to declare independence in 1991, and it has since become a member of the European Union and NATO.

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Lithuania

Lithuania is a country with a population of just over 2.8 million people. It is bordered by Latvia to the north, Belarus to the east, Poland to the south, and Russia to the southwest. Lithuania was one of the first Soviet republics to declare independence in 1991, and it has since become a member of the European Union and NATO.

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Belarus

Belarus is a country with a population of just over 9.4 million people. It is bordered by Russia to the east, Ukraine to the south, Poland to the west, and Lithuania and Latvia to the northwest. Belarus was one of the last Soviet republics to declare independence in 1991, and it has since remained under the authoritarian rule of President Alexander Lukashenko.

Belarus's post-Soviet transformation has been marked by economic stagnation and political repression. The country has failed to implement meaningful market reforms, and its economy has suffered as a result. Lukashenko has also cracked down on dissent and opposition, and Belarus remains one of the most repressive regimes in Europe.

Ukraine

Ukraine is a country with a population of just over 44 million people. It is bordered by Russia to the east, Belarus to the north, Poland and Slovakia to the west, and Romania and Moldova to the southwest. Ukraine

was one of the first Soviet republics to declare independence in 1991, and it has since become a member of the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

Ukraine's post-Soviet transformation has been marked by political instability and economic turmoil. The country has been plagued by corruption and oligarchy, and it has been embroiled in a war with Russia since 2014. Despite these challenges, Ukraine has made significant progress in developing its democratic institutions and civil society.

Moldova

Moldova is a country with a population of just over 4 million people. It is bordered by Romania to the west and Ukraine to the north, east, and south. Moldova was one of the last Soviet republics to declare independence in 1991, and it has since become a member of the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

Moldova's post-Soviet transformation has been marked by economic stagnation and political instability. The country has failed to implement meaningful market reforms, and its economy has suffered as a result. Moldova has also been plagued by corruption and oligarchy, and it has been embroiled in a frozen conflict with the breakaway region of Transnistria since 1992.

The collapse of the Soviet Union has had a profound impact on the Baltic Eastern European and Post USSR region. The countries of this region have faced a daunting array of challenges, but they have also made significant progress in developing their democratic institutions, market economies, and civil societies. The case studies in this book provide a

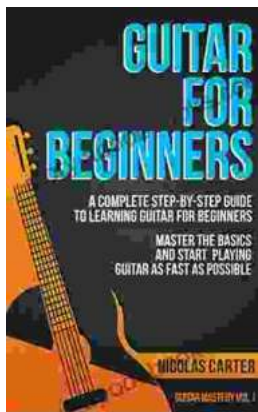
valuable overview of the political, economic, and social transformations that have taken place in this region since 1991.



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