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Looking from the Gulf to Central Asia, the purpose of this book is to explore the status, role, power and influence of the players in Asia's New Great Game.

The emergence of independent republics following the demise of the Soviet Union has had profound implications for the regions on its periphery. There is currently intense interest, in academic, religious, political and commercial fields, in the mainly Muslim Central Asian republics; they are seen as a prize to be fought over by Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Russia, China and the West.

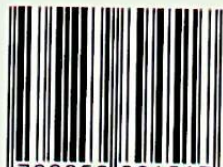
The essays explore the complex ways in which these republics have found both independence and a new regional identity. Particular attention is also given to the playing out of Russian, Turkish and American interests in countering the perceived rise of political Islam.

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