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The Politics of Upheaval

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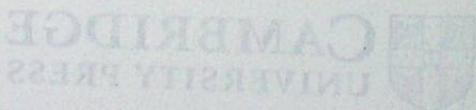
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The old order of stable political alignments within and between the Soviet republics and their nationalities disintegrated with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Russia and the fourteen new states on its borders must now deal with a new and unpredictable international environment even as they struggle with political and economic chaos at home. *Russia and the New States of Eurasia* focuses on the central role of Russia in this new world and surveys the possibilities for future alignments both among the new states and between the new states and their neighbors. It identifies the key issues and relationships that will determine the long-term economic growth and political stability of this vast and vital region.

This book provides first and foremost an analysis of the determinants of foreign policy. Dawisha and Parrott focus on the interaction between domestic and foreign factors in shaping new international roles and relationships: the historical legacies of the new states; the resurgence of ethnicity and debates over national identity; the revival of religion; the emergence of new sociopolitical groups; new economic imperatives and determinants; attempts to recast policy priorities and styles of decision-making; steps to divide the Red Army and nuclear weapons; and other debates of military futures and global security.

By placing the analysis of foreign policy within this larger historical and political framework, *Russia and the New States of Eurasia* provides a unique new framework for a better understanding of the factors that will determine the vital foreign relations of these new states of Eurasia. It will prove essential reading for students, scholars, and policy-makers concerned with the future of the former Soviet Union.

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