



Transition Economies: Political Economy in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia

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Transition Economies provides students with an up-to-date and highly comprehensive analysis of the economic transformation in former communist countries of Eastern and Central Europe and countries of the former Soviet Union. With coverage extending from the end of central planning to the capitalist varieties of the present, this text provides a comparative analysis of economic transformation and political-economic diversity that has emerged as a direct result. It covers differences between countries in terms of economic performance and integration into the world economy. *Transition Economies* seeks to explain and deepen understanding of these differences, chart the emerging forms of capitalism there, and provide country responses to the world financial crisis of 2008-2009.

Hallmark Features

- Presents a thorough analysis of the economic and political transformations in former communist countries of Eastern and Central Europe and countries of the former Soviet Union.
- Provides a comparative analysis of economic transformation and emerging political-economic diversity.
- Identifies and explains differences between groupings of countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, and on the various forms of capitalism emerging in these countries.
- Explicates these economies' responses to the world financial crisis of 2008-2009.

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Praise for *Transition Economies*

“The book’s strongest feature lies in its political economy approach to transformation in the countries of Central East Europe and the former USSR... Given the highly up-to-date information and statistics that this book provides, I find it to be an equally useful resource for researchers, graduate students and libraries.”

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—Carolyn Ann Kadas, University of Bologna

“The text... combines theory-led reasoning with empirical data in an excellent way. The authors highlight the limits of the Varieties of Capitalism approach in explaining the development trajectories in Eastern Europe and the CIS countries and provide convincing alternative explanations. Their critique of the Washington Consensus policies is well argued and supported by empirical data.”

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“Instead of focusing on the 1990s where most of transition took place intensively, the authors take a much longer horizon by linking the transition experience in the 1990s with the most recent developments such as the world financial crisis of 2008. In doing so, the authors provide a highly updated text on economic transition.”

—Julan Du, City University of Hong Kong

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