

# Driving Regional Fracture in Post-Communist Eurasia and Beyond: A Comprehensive Exploration

The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 marked a watershed moment in global politics, ushering in a period of profound transformation for the nations of Eurasia. The transition from a centrally planned to a market economy, the emergence of new political entities, and the resurgence of ethnic and religious identities have all contributed to a complex and often volatile landscape.

In the book "Driving Regional Fracture in Post-Communist Eurasia and Beyond," a team of leading scholars examines the factors that have driven regional fracture in this vast and diverse region. They argue that economic disparities, political instability, and ethnic and religious conflicts have all played a significant role in creating a climate of division and insecurity.



## Russia Abroad: Driving Regional Fracture in Post-Communist Eurasia and Beyond by Charles Ellms

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The book is divided into three parts. The first part provides a historical overview of the region, tracing the roots of regional fracture back to the Soviet era. The second part examines the economic, political, and social factors that have contributed to fracture since the collapse of the Soviet Union. The third part explores the implications of regional fracture for security and stability in Eurasia and beyond.

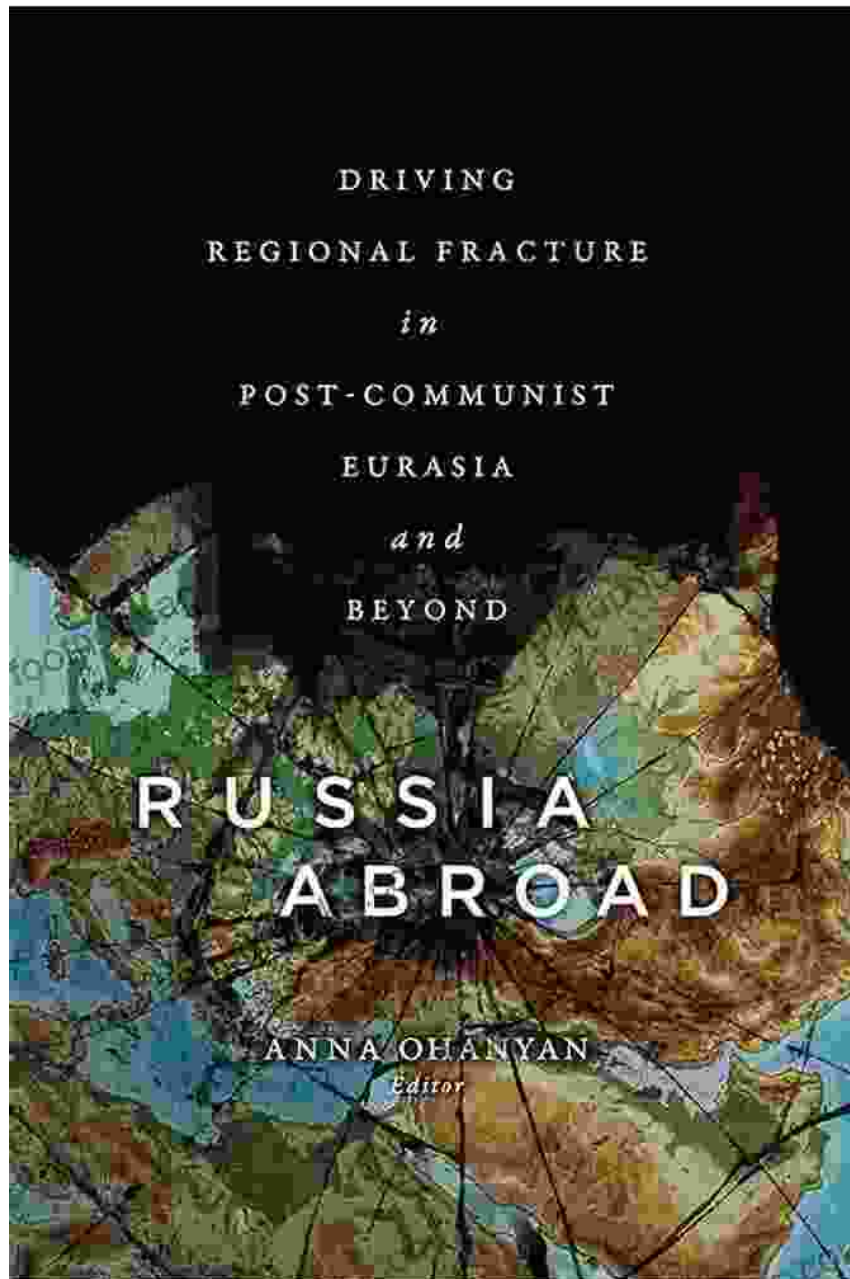
One of the key arguments of the book is that economic disparities have been a major driver of regional fracture in Eurasia. The transition to a market economy has led to significant inequalities between different regions, with some areas experiencing rapid growth while others have been left behind. This has created a sense of resentment and alienation among the populations of less developed regions.

Political instability has also contributed to regional fracture in Eurasia. The collapse of the Soviet Union led to the creation of a number of new states, many of which have struggled to establish stable and democratic governments. This has created a vacuum of power that has been filled by authoritarian regimes, ethnic militias, and other non-state actors. These groups have often used ethnic and religious tensions to mobilize their supporters and consolidate their power.

Ethnic and religious conflicts have also been a major source of regional fracture in Eurasia. The collapse of the Soviet Union led to the resurgence of ethnic and religious identities, and these have often been used to justify violence and discrimination. In some cases, these conflicts have escalated into full-scale wars, such as the conflicts in Nagorno-Karabakh and Chechnya.

The implications of regional fracture in Eurasia are far-reaching. It has led to a decline in security and stability in the region, and it has also made it more difficult for countries to cooperate on common challenges. In addition, regional fracture has had a negative impact on economic development and human rights.

The book "Driving Regional Fracture in Post-Communist Eurasia and Beyond" is a timely and important contribution to our understanding of this complex and challenging region. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the factors that have driven regional fracture in Eurasia, and it offers valuable insights into the implications of this fracture for security and stability in the region and beyond.

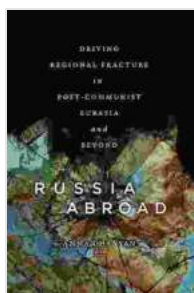


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