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Forms of Rule in the Post-Soviet Space

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'20 years after the collapse of the USSR, this volume takes stock of our understanding of the political regimes in the post-Soviet space, throwing new light on many complexities and nuances of these regimes. Focussed and ambitious in its analysis, the volume will be a valuable companion to any student of post-Soviet politics.'
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