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transforming the way we describe the eurasian landmass it also resignifies our field of studies and its disciplinary boundaries in this process eurasianism itself is subject to a constant resignification the present volume builds on this notion while pursuing an innovative approach to eurasianism the authors advance the well established positions that view eurasianism as a historical intellectual movement or as an ideology of russian neo imperialism and proceed to unpack an innovative vision of eurasianism as a process of renegotiating cultural values and identity narratives in and beyond russia this procedural approach provides deeper insight into the operability of the identity narratives and shifting semantics of eurasianism in its relation to the russian world the story of russia's first world war remains largely unknown neglected by historians who have been more interested in the grand drama that unfolded in 1917 in russia's first world war a social and economic history peter gatrell shows that war is itself revolutionary rupturing established social and economic ties but also creating new social and economic relationships affiliations practices and opportunities russia's first world war brings together the findings of russian and non russian historians and draws upon fresh research it turns the spotlight on what churchill called the unknown war providing an authoritative account that

finally does justice to the impact of war on russia s home front russia is a vast country as well as the world s largest nation by far readers of this volume will learn about the country s varied landscape lakes and rivers climate and environmental zones russia s natural resources and the impact these have had on the country s settlement patterns are also discussed moscow is the focus of one chapter while another celebrates russia s many unesco world heritage sites maps charts and sidebars provide extra information while colorful photographs give readers a glimpse of some of russia s most spectacular natural scenery in this unique biography of the first president of the russian federation the author consistently describes events of yeltsin s life capturing and conveying his unique personality with all the contradictions of his character and principles that determined public attitude towards him some saw him as an outstanding builder of the new russia others as a destroyer of the great state but whoever he was de facto the decade of his rule shook the world the 1943 battle to free the soviet black sea port of novorossiisk from german occupation was fought from the beach head of malaia zemlia where the young colonel leonid brezhnev saw action despite widespread scepticism of the state s appropriation and inflation of this historical event the heroes of the campaign are still commemorated in novorossiisk today by an amalgam of memoir monuments and ritual through the prism of this provincial russian town vicky davis sheds light on the character of brezhnev as perceived by his people and on the process of memory for the ordinary russian citizen davis analyses the construction and propagation of the local war myth to link the individual citizens of novorossiisk with evolving state policy since world war ii and examines the resultant social and political connotations her compelling new interdisciplinary evidence reveals the complexity of myth and memory challenging existing assumptions to show that there is still scope for the local community and even the individual in memory construction in an authoritarian environment this book represents a much needed departure from the study of myth and memory in larger cities of the former soviet union adding nuance to the existing portrait of brezhnev and demonstrating the continued importance of war memory in russia today about the history of russia from the 10th century until 1990 this study provides a broad and interdisciplinary examination of russian culture and western perceptions of the country drawing from psychology anthropology law and literary criticism the author traces the roots of russian authoritarianism collectivism and nationalism i in a short history of russia mary platt parmele takes the reader on a survey of russia s rich past from the state s early dramatic beginnings to its struggle to control society the transformation of the empire into a multi ethnic empire and beyond pushing postcolonial studies and constructivist international relations towards an uneasy dialogue this book looks at russia as a subaltern empire it demonstrates how the dialectic of the subaltern and the imperial has produced a radically anti western regime which nevertheless remains locked in a eurocentric outlook a concise and accessible telling of russia s dramatic story its heroes and villains triumphs and tragedies russia is a country with no natural borders no single ethnic group no true central identity at the crossroads of europe and asia it has been subject to invasion by outsiders from vikings to mongols from napoleon s french to hitler s germans in order to forge an identity it has mythologized its past to unite its people and to signal strength to outsiders in a short history of russia mark galeotti explores the history of this fascinating glorious desperate and exasperating country through two intertwined issues the way successive influences from beyond its borders have shaped russia and the way russians came to terms with this influence writing and rewriting their past to understand their present and try to influence their future fascinating financial times a fantastic read insightful and leaves the reader wanting more in the best of ways diplomatic courier a beautiful and profound meditation on the way landscape shapes art and life i was entranced by the white birch a book that comes close to encapsulating the vast enigma of russia in the form of a single tree alex preston author of winchelsea and as kingfishers catch fire the birch genus betula one of the northern hemisphere s most widespread and easily recognisable trees and russia s unofficial national emblem from catherine the great s garden follies and tolstoy s favourite chair to the chernobyl exclusion zone and drunken nights in moscow art critic tom jeffreys leads us across russia s diverse land to understand its dramatically shifting identity as we walk through lost landscapes discover historic artworks explore the secret online world of russian brides and relive encounters between some of russia s greatest artists and writers we uncover a myriad of overlapping meanings surrounding the humble birch tree curious resonant and idiosyncratic the white birch is a unique collection of journeys that grapples with the riddle of russianness an economist best book of the year a financial times best book of the year winner of the the pushkin house russian book prize finalist for the lionel gelber prize an amazon best book of the month history one of the world s leading scholars offers a fresh interpretation of the linked origins of world war i and the russian revolution lieven has a double gift first for harvesting details to convey the essence of an era and second for finding new startling and clarifying elements in familiar stories this is history with a heartbeat and it could not be more engrossing foreign affairs world war i and the russian revolution together shaped the twentieth century in profound ways in the end of tsarist russia acclaimed scholar dominic lieven connects for the first time the two events providing both a history of the first world war s origins from a russian perspective and an international history of why the revolution happened based on exhaustive work in seven russian archives as well as many non russian sources dominic lieven s work is about far more

than just russia by placing the crisis of empire at its core lieven links world war i to the sweep of twentieth century global history he shows how contemporary hot issues such as the struggle for ukraine were already crucial elements in the run up to 1914 by incorporating into his book new approaches and comparisons lieven tells the story of war and revolution in a way that is truly original and thought provoking this volume examines russian discourses of regionalism as a source of identity construction practices for the country's political and intellectual establishment the overall purpose of the monograph is to demonstrate that contrary to some assumptions the transition trajectory of post soviet russia has not been towards a liberal democratic nation state that is set to emulate western political and normative standards instead its foreign policy discourses have been constructing russia as a supranational community which transcends russia's current legally established borders the 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supplier the global financial crisis shook this established image of russia as an indispensable energy superpower immune to negative external influences and revealed the full extent of russia's dependence on oil and gas for economic and political influence this led to calls from within the country for a new approach where energy resources were no longer regarded wholly as an asset but also a potential curse resulting in an over reliance on one sector thwarting modernization of the economy and the country as a whole in this fascinating and timely volume leading russian and western scholars examine various aspects of russian energy policy and the opportunities and constraints that influence the choices made by the country's energy decision makers contributors focus on russia's energy relations with the rest of the world alongside internal debates about the need for diversification and modernisation in a changing economy country and world system where overdependence on energy commodities has become a key concern for customer and supplier alike this book examines russia's capacity to respond to a changing world through the lens of the country's oil industry against a backdrop of social political and climatic change indra overland and nina poussenkova present a systematic analysis of how modern energy developments in the form of shale oil offshore oil and the global energy transition are handled for over five hundred years the russians wondered what kind of people their arctic and sub arctic subjects were they have mouths between their shoulders and eyes in their chests reported a fifteenth century tale they rove around live of their own free will and beat the russian people complained a seventeenth century cossack their actions are exceedingly rude they do not take off their hats and do not bow to each other huffed an eighteenth century scholar they are children of nature and guardians of ecological balance rhapsodized early nineteenth century and late twentieth century 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slezkine reenacts the procession of russian fur traders missionaries tsarist bureaucrats radical intellectuals professional ethnographers and commissars who struggled to reform and conceptualize this most alien of their subject populations slezkine reconstructs from a vast range of sources the successive official policies and prevailing attitudes toward the northern peoples interweaving the resonant narratives of russian and indigenous contemporaries with the extravagant images of popular russian fiction as he examines the many ironies and ambivalences involved in successive russian attempts to overcome northern and hence their own otherness slezkine explores the wider issues of ethnic identity cultural change nationalist rhetoric and not so european colonialism the russian view of the cape as represented in this volume may be unique during the period in question russia had no cultural political or economic ties with south africa russians saw the cape only as a convenient stopover en route to the far east to their country's distant domains that could not be reached by sea otherwise the cape was one of the exotic lands they would visit on such journeys their first and only introduction to the african continent although amazed and perplexed by the entirely different world they found here russian travellers would often draw unexpected parallels between life in their

motherland and the realities of the cape colony the selections include memoirs of such important russian personalities as yuri lisyansky vasily golovnin ivan goncharov and konstantin posyet most of the texts appear in english for the first time this book addresses the treaties crises and other issues that seem to be turning points in russian turkish relations reflecting on russian and turkish archival documents and resources over six chapters it analyses russian turkish relations from the first world war up to the present time presenting information on issues that include the causes of the first world war and turkey s entrance into the war internal power struggles establishment of i v stalin s rule turkey soviet relations from 1960 to 1980 and also glasnost and perestroika and vladimir vladimirovich putin s rise to power the most comprehensive guide to russian usage fully revised and updated a comprehensive russian grammar by terence wade is the definitive resource on russian usage 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in india yet by 1907 russia s political revolution financial collapse and military defeat by japan transformed the situation resulting in an anglo russian rapprochement as this book makes clear whilst international affairs lay at the root of this new relationship personal factors also played an important role in reversing many years of mutual animosity and suspicion in particular the study explores the influence of the liberal anglophile count aleksandr benckendorff the russian ambassador in london between 1903 and 1916 by 1905 russia s multiple weaknesses required a prolonged period of external peace by eliminating frictions with the principal rival powers britain and germany while france and britain realised that a british rapprochement with russia would be necessary to counter germany s power benckendorff as one of the most important figures in the russian diplomatic service persuaded nicholas ii and his foreign minister v n lamsdorff to drop their objections to various long standing british demands in order to pave the way for a triple entente although the overarching russian strategy was conceived as balancing the imperial rivalries of britain and germany numerous factors not least benckendorff s energetic pro british stance upset the scales and resulted in a stand off with the central powers demonstrating how benckendorff s fear of losing britain s friendship made him oppose all russia s efforts at improving russo german relations this book underlines the pro entente policy s role in setting russia on the road to war for when the sarajevo crisis struck there was now no hope of appealing to german goodwill to help defuse the situation instead russia s status within the entente depended on a show of determination and strength which lead inexorably to a disaster o recent political developments in post soviet countries have raised novel issues regarding the stability of the post cold war world order a new direction in policy has been exemplified by the recent bolstering of a number of post soviet political and economic institutions such as csto sco and the eur asian economic union in which the role of kazakhstan is considerable in addition to its unique geopolitical location kazakhstan s importance in regional integration structures and international relations more broadly is reinforced by its rich oil and uranium deposits this book centres on an exploration of the changing relations between russia and kazakhstan and their impact on post soviet interactions with the rest of the world the role of specific factors in the formation of the post soviet regional system will be explored in historical perspective the multifaceted relations between kazakhstan and russia from 1991 to the contemporary period will be analysed in terms of relations in several spheres political military and security kazakhstan s nuclear withdrawal ethnicity and national identity economic foreign policies regionalism and international trends and the impact of 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a symbolic world made by and for the russians in order to sustain and reinforce their group identity graham lyons has taken the two main textbooks used in the senior forms of russian secondary schools and here presents in direct translation the story of the war as seen through russian eyes anyone remotely familiar with history as taught on the western side of the iron curtain will read with bemused fascination of the real origins of the second world war of the true meaning of the russo german non aggression pact of why the russians stopped before warsaw and so on and so on but why indeed should one version be any more true than the other this fascinating book not only presents the other side of the coin but poses the much deeper question of the true meaning of the evidently much abused word history

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## **Katerina 2001-01-01**

the collapse of communism and the disintegration of the USSR created a new geopolitical reality a new international environment and a new set of international relations this book is about Russia's foreign relations it examines the factors that determine Russia's foreign policy such as the economy and domestic politics it devotes special attention to the so called Russian Idea a foreign policy determinant largely overlooked by western politicians and analysts it attempts such an analysis by applying Russian rather than western criteria because we are dealing here with a country with a unique culture and history

## **Eurasian Integration and the Russian World 2019-04-10**

provides a bold new interpretation of the origins and development of World War II's remembrance in the USSR

## **Russia and the World 2016-01-18**

Eurasianism has proved to be an unexpectedly diverse and highly self reflexive concept by transforming the way we describe the Eurasian landmass it also resignifies our field of studies and its disciplinary boundaries in this process Eurasianism itself is subject to a constant resignification the present volume builds on this notion while pursuing an innovative approach to Eurasianism the authors advance the well established positions that view Eurasianism as a historical intellectual movement or as an ideology of Russian neo imperialism and proceed to unpack an innovative vision of Eurasianism as a process of renegotiating cultural values and identity narratives in and beyond Russia this procedural approach provides deeper insight into the operationality of the identity narratives and shifting semantics of Eurasianism in its relation to the Russian World

## **The Soviet Myth of World War II 2021-07-15**

the story of russia's first world war remains largely unknown neglected by historians who have been more interested in the grand drama that unfolded in 1917 in russia's first world war a social and economic history peter gatrell shows that war is itself revolutionary rupturing established social and economic ties but also creating new social and economic relationships affiliations practices and opportunities russia's first world war brings together the findings of russian and non russian historians and draws upon fresh research it turns the spotlight on what churchill called the unknown war providing an authoritative account that finally does justice to the impact of war on russia's home front

## ***Resignification of Borders: Eurasianism and the Russian World 2019-08-23***

russia is a vast country as well as the world's largest nation by far readers of this volume will learn about the country's varied landscape lakes and rivers climate and environmental zones russia's natural resources and the impact these have had on the country's settlement patterns are also discussed moscow is the focus of one chapter while another celebrates russia's many unesco world heritage sites maps charts and sidebars provide extra information while colorful photographs give readers a glimpse of some of russia's most spectacular natural scenery

## **Russia's First World War 2014-07-10**

in this unique biography of the first president of the russian federation the author consistently describes events of yeltsin's life capturing and conveying his unique personality with all the contradictions of his character and principles that determined public attitude towards him some saw him as an outstanding builder of the new russia others as a destroyer of the great state but whoever he was de facto the decade of his rule shook the world

## **The Geography of Russia 2018-07-01**

the 1943 battle to free the soviet black sea port of novorossiisk from german occupation was fought from the beach head of malaia zemlia where the young colonel leonid brezhnev saw action despite widespread scepticism of the state's appropriation and inflation of this historical event the heroes of the campaign are still commemorated in novorossiisk today by an amalgam of memoir monuments and ritual through the prism of this provincial russian town vicky davis sheds light on the character of brezhnev as perceived by his people and on the process of memory for the ordinary russian citizen davis analyses the construction and propagation of the local war myth to link the individual citizens of novorossiisk with evolving state policy since world war ii and examines the resultant social and political connotations her compelling new interdisciplinary evidence reveals the complexity of myth and memory challenging existing assumptions to show that there is still scope for the local community and even the individual in memory construction in an authoritarian environment this book represents a much needed departure from the study of myth and memory in larger cities of the former soviet union adding nuance to the existing portrait of brezhnev and demonstrating the continued importance of war memory in russia today

## ***Russia and the World 1991***

about the history of russia from the 10th century until 1990

## **Ten Days that Shook the World 1922**

this study provides a broad and interdisciplinary examination of russian culture and western perceptions of the country drawing from psychology anthropology law and literary criticism the author traces the roots of russian authoritarianism collectivism and nationalism i

## ***Boris Yeltsin 2014-11***

in a short history of russia mary platt parmele takes the reader on a survey of russia s rich past from the state s early dramatic beginnings to its struggle to control society the transformation of the empire into a multi ethnic empire and beyond

## ***Myth Making in the Soviet Union and Modern Russia 2017-11-30***

pushing postcolonial studies and constructivist international relations towards an uneasy dialogue this book looks at russia as a subaltern empire it demonstrates how the dialectic of the subaltern and the imperial has produced a radically anti western regime which nevertheless remains locked in a eurocentric outlook

## ***The Russian Chronicles 1990***

a concise and accessible telling of russia s dramatic story its heroes and villains triumphs and tragedies russia is a country with no natural borders no single ethnic group no true central identity at the crossroads of europe and asia it has been subject to invasion by outsiders from vikings to mongols from napoleon s french to hitler s germans in order to forge an identity it has mythologized its past to unite its people and to signal strength to outsiders in a short history of russia mark galeotti explores the history of this fascinating glorious desperate and exasperating country through two intertwined issues the way successive influences from beyond its borders have shaped russia and the way russians came to terms with this influence writing and rewriting their past to understand their present and try to influence their future fascinating financial times a fantastic read insightful and leaves the reader wanting more in the best of ways diplomatic courier

## ***Russian and American Cultures 2018***

a beautiful and profound meditation on the way landscape shapes art and life i was entranced by the white birch a book that comes close to encapsulating the vast enigma of russia in the form of a single tree alex preston author of winchelsea and as kingfishers catch fire the birch genus betula one of the northern hemisphere s most widespread and easily recognisable trees and russia s unofficial national emblem from catherine the great s garden follies and tolstoy s favourite chair to the chernobyl exclusion zone and drunken nights in moscow art critic tom jeffreys leads us across russia s diverse land to understand its dramatically shifting identity as we walk through lost landscapes discover historic artworks explore the secret online world of russian brides and relive encounters between some of russia s greatest artists and writers we uncover a myriad of overlapping meanings surrounding the humble birch tree curious resonant and idiosyncratic the white birch is a unique collection of journeys that grapples with the riddle of russianness

## **A Short History of Russia 2016-09-16**

an economist best book of the year a financial times best book of the year winner of the the pushkin house russian book prize finalist for the lionel gelber prize an amazon best book of the month history one of the world's leading scholars offers a fresh interpretation of the linked origins of world war i and the russian revolution lieven has a double gift first for harvesting details to convey the essence of an era and second for finding new startling and clarifying elements in familiar stories this is history with a heartbeat and it could not be more engrossing foreign affairs world war i and the russian revolution together shaped the twentieth century in profound ways in the end of tsarist russia acclaimed scholar dominic lieven connects for the first time the two events providing both a history of the first world war's origins from a russian perspective and an international history of why the revolution happened based on exhaustive work in seven russian archives as well as many non russian sources dominic lieven's work is about far more than just russia by placing the crisis of empire at its core lieven links world war i to the sweep of twentieth century global history he shows how contemporary hot issues such as the struggle for ukraine were already crucial elements in the run up to 1914 by incorporating into his book new approaches and comparisons lieven tells the story of war and revolution in a way that is truly original and thought provoking

## ***Russia's Postcolonial Identity 2015-03-04***

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## **A Short History of Russia 2022-08-23**

for a long time russia's position as a key global energy player has enhanced moscow's international economic and political influence whilst causing concern amongst other states fearful of becoming too dependent on russia as an energy supplier the global financial crisis shook this established image of russia as an indispensable energy superpower immune to negative external influences and revealed the full extent of russia's dependence on oil and gas for economic and political influence this led to calls from within the country for a new approach where energy resources were no longer regarded wholly as an asset but also a potential curse resulting in an over reliance on one sector thwarting modernization of the economy and the country as a whole in this fascinating and timely volume leading russian and western scholars examine various aspects of russian energy policy and the opportunities and constraints that influence the choices made by the country's energy decision makers contributors focus on russia's energy relations with the rest of the world alongside internal debates about the need for diversification and modernisation in a changing economy country and world system where overdependence on energy commodities has become a key concern for customer and supplier alike

## **The White Birch 2021-06-03**

this book examines russia's capacity to respond to a changing world through the lens of the country's oil industry against a backdrop of social political and climatic change in the arctic overland and nina poussenkova present a systematic analysis of how modern energy developments in the form of shale oil offshore oil and the global energy transition are handled

## **The End of Tsarist Russia 2016-08-16**

for over five hundred years the russians wondered what kind of people their arctic and sub arctic subjects were they have mouths between their shoulders and eyes in their chests reported a fifteenth century tale they rove around live of their own free will and beat the russian people complained a seventeenth century cossack their actions are exceedingly rude they do not take off their hats and do not bow to each other huffed an eighteenth century scholar they are children of nature and guardians of ecological balance rhapsodized early nineteenth century and late twentieth century romantics even the bolsheviks who categorized the circumpolar foragers as authentic proletarians were repeatedly puzzled by the peoples from the late neolithic period who by virtue of their extreme backwardness cannot keep up either economically or culturally with the furious speed of the emerging socialist society whether described as brutes aliens or endangered indigenous populations the so called small peoples of the north have consistently remained a point of contrast for speculations on russian identity and a convenient testing ground for policies and images that grew out of these speculations in arctic mirrors a vividly rendered history of circumpolar peoples in the russian empire and the russian mind yuri slezkine offers the first in depth interpretation of this relationship no other book in any language links the history of a colonized non russian people to the full sweep of russian intellectual and cultural history enhancing his account with vintage prints and photographs slezkine reenacts the procession of russian fur traders missionaries tsarist bureaucrats radical intellectuals professional ethnographers and commissars who struggled to reform and conceptualize this most alien of their subject populations slezkine reconstructs from a vast range of sources the successive official policies and prevailing attitudes toward the northern peoples interweaving the resonant narratives of russian and indigenous contemporaries with the extravagant images of popular russian fiction as he examines the many ironies and ambivalences involved in successive russian attempts to overcome northern and hence their own otherness slezkine explores the wider issues of ethnic identity cultural change nationalist rhetoric and not so european colonialism

## **Greater Russia 1903**

the russian view of the cape as represented in this volume may be unique during the period in question russia had no cultural political or economic ties with south africa russians saw the cape only as a convenient stopover en route to the far east to their country's distant domains that could not be reached by sea otherwise the cape was one of the exotic lands they would visit on such journeys their first and only introduction to the african continent although amazed and perplexed by the entirely different world they found here russian travellers would often draw unexpected parallels between life in their motherland and the realities of the cape colony the selections include memoirs of such important russian personalities as yuri lisyansky vasily golovnin ivan goncharov and konstantin posyet most of the texts appear in english for the first time

## **Eurasian Integration and the Russian World 2019-04-10**

this book addresses the treaties crises and other issues that seem to be turning points in russian turkish relations reflecting on russian and turkish archival documents and resources over six chapters it analyses russian turkish relations from the first world war up to the present time presenting information on issues that include the causes of the first world war and turkey's entrance into the war internal power struggles establishment of i v stalin's rule turkey soviet relations from 1960 to 1980 and also glasnost and perestroika and vladimir

vladimirovich putin s rise to power

## **Russian Energy in a Changing World 2016-03-23**

the most comprehensive guide to russian usage fully revised and updated a comprehensive russian grammar by terence wade is the definitive resource on russian usage providing complete and accurate guidance for students and professionals alike now in its fourth edition this authoritative text continues to be an indispensable reference for english speaking learners of russian detailed yet accessible chapters cover the essential rules of the russian language placing emphasis on the nuances and problems that english speakers find especially difficult thoroughly revised and updated by russian language experts david gillespie svetlana gural and marina korneeva this edition reflects changes in the grammar the lexis and the contemporary practice of the language in russia s increasingly globalized market oriented economy new content includes coverage of words and phrases from it and social network terminology that have entered the russian language original contributions by leading russian language scholars and numerous modern usage examples taken from russian websites social media and post soviet literature the standard russian language reference for english speakers for more than a quarter of a century this volume provides a comprehensive user friendly approach to russian grammar exposition covers every essential aspect of the russian language including prepositions conjunctions numerals and word order features updated examples and illustrations new insights into recent developments in russian language usage and more consistent transliteration of russian names includes a glossary of grammatical terms word and subject indexes and a complete bibliography part of the successful blackwell reference grammars series a comprehensive russian grammar fourth edition is the ideal guide and reference text for students and teachers of russian across the english speaking world as well as professionals with knowledge of russian seeking to keep pace with recent changes in the language

## **Russian Oil Companies in an Evolving World 2020-08-28**

for much of the later nineteenth century britain regarded russia as its main international rival particularly as regarded the security of its colonial possessions in india yet by 1907 russia s political revolution financial collapse and military defeat by japan transformed the situation resulting in an anglo russian rapprochement as this book makes clear whilst international affairs lay at the root of this new relationship personal factors also played an important role in reversing many years of mutual animosity and suspicion in particular the study explores the influence of the liberal anglophile count aleksandr benckendorff the russian ambassador in london between 1903 and 1916 by 1905 russia s multiple weaknesses required a prolonged period of external peace by eliminating frictions with the principal rival powers britain and germany while france and britain realised that a british rapprochement with russia would be necessary to counter germany s power benckendorff as one of the most important figures in the russian diplomatic service persuaded nicholas ii and his foreign minister v n lamsdorff to drop their objections to various long standing british demands in order to pave the way for a triple entente although the overarching russian strategy was conceived as balancing the imperial rivalries of britain and germany numerous factors not least benckendorff s energetic pro british stance upset the scales and resulted in a stand off with the central powers demonstrating how benckendorff s fear of losing britain s friendship made him oppose all russia s efforts at improving russo german relations this book underlines the pro entente policy s role in setting russia on the road to war for when the sarajevo crisis struck there was now no hope of appealing to german goodwill to help defuse the situation instead russia s status within the entente depended on a show of determination and strength which lead inexorably to a disaster o

## **Arctic Mirrors 2016-11-01**

recent political developments in post soviet countries have raised novel issues regarding the stability of the post cold war world order a new direction in policy has been exemplified by the recent bolstering of a number of post soviet political and economic institutions such as csto sco and the eurasian economic union in which the role of kazakhstan is considerable in

addition to its unique geopolitical location kazakhstan s importance in regional integration structures and international relations more broadly is reinforced by its rich oil and uranium deposits this book centres on an exploration of the changing relations between russia and kazakhstan and their impact on post soviet interactions with the rest of the world the role of specific factors in the formation of the post soviet regional system will be explored in historical perspective the multifaceted relations between kazakhstan and russia from 1991 to the contemporary period will be analysed in terms of relations in several spheres political military and security kazakhstan s nuclear withdrawal ethnicity and national identity economic foreign policies regionalism and international trends and the impact of historic trends an important analysis of kazakhstan the second largest country in the post soviet world this book is of interest to researchers of international relations post soviet studies and central asia studies

### **'An Entirely Different World': Russian Visitors to the Cape 1797-1870 2015-11-01**

in this book a number of stereotypes symbols and signs of russia such as the double headed eagle the star bread and salt troika the orthodox cross etc are presented as a consistent set of metaphors revealing a symbolic world made by and for the russians in order to sustain and reinforce their group identity

### **Russian-Turkish Relations from the First World War to the Present 2017-01-06**

graham lyons has taken the two main textbooks used in the senior forms of russian secondary schools and here presents in direct translation the story of the war as seen through russian eyes anyone remotely familiar with history as taught on the western side of the iron curtain will read with bemused fascination of the real origins of the second world war of the true meaning of the russo german non aggression pact of why the russians stopped before warsaw and so on and so on but why indeed should one version be any more true than the other this fascinating book not only presents the other side of the coin but poses the much deeper question of the true meaning of the evidently much abused word history

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### **Britain, Russia and the Road to the First World War 2016-04-15**

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