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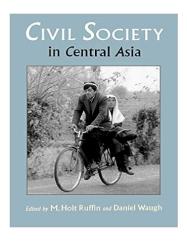
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Beschreibung:

Central Asia, known as the home of Tamerlane and the Silk Road, is a crossroads of great cultures and civilizations. In 1991 five nations at the heart of the region [Razakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan suddenly became independent. Today they sit strategically between Russia, China, and Iran and hold some of the world slargest deposits of oil and natural gas. Long-suppressed ethnic identities are finding new expression in language, religion, and occasional civil conflicts.

Civil Society in Central Asia is a pathbreaking collection of essays by scholars and activists that illuminates the social and institutional forces shaping this important region?s future. An appendix provides a guide to projects being carried out by local and international groups.

Synopsis

Covering Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and, Tajikistan, these 12 essays (drawn from a 1998 conference sponsored by the Center for Civil Society International) explore the prospects of and dangers facing the growth of Western-style democracy in Central Asia. Reflecting a range of disciplines