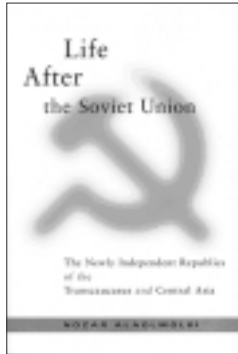


# Book Introduction: *Life After the Soviet Union*

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This introductory textbook is intended for a general readership of the post-Soviet republics of Central Asia and Azerbaijan. By utilizing the published materials as well as interviews with regional experts, the author successfully presents a brief exploration of the political, social, and economic conditions of the six emerging independent republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Azerbaijan. The book is divided into four parts. In the first part, the author

provides a basic outline of the background of these newly independent states from the Soviet era to their present independent status. The second part studies each republic independently, focusing mainly on their endeavour to survive as independent states. The third analyses their relations with the outside world in general and the neighbouring states in particular. The final part offers the reader an insight into the future of this region.

*Life After the Soviet Union* is recommended for those who seek a better understanding of the complexities that

burden the emerging new states in the former Soviet south. <

- Alaolmolki, Nozar, *Life After the Soviet Union. The newly Independent Republics of the Transcaucasus and Central Asia*, New York: State University Press (2001), pp. 187 + ix, 187, ISBN 0-7914-5138-0 (pb).

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