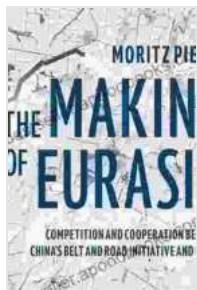


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In the vast Eurasian landscape, the relationship between Turkey and Russia has been marked by both competition and cooperation. Their shared history, geographical proximity, and geopolitical interests have shaped a complex and ever-evolving dynamic.

This captivating book delves into the intricate tapestry of Turkish Russian relations, exploring the historical foundations, political dynamics, and economic interdependencies that have shaped their interactions.

Historical Foundations

The roots of Turkish Russian relations can be traced back to the Ottoman Empire, when the two empires competed for control of the Black Sea and the Caucasus region. This rivalry continued throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, with both sides engaging in wars and territorial disputes.

After the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, Turkey and Russia emerged as independent states. However, their relationship remained strained during the Cold War, as Turkey aligned with the West and Russia with the Soviet bloc.

Post-Cold War Dynamics

The end of the Cold War brought about a new era in Turkish Russian relations. Turkey became a NATO member and sought to integrate with the European Union, while Russia focused on rebuilding its economy and reasserting its influence in Eurasia.

Despite their different geopolitical orientations, Turkey and Russia have found common ground on a number of issues, including energy cooperation, economic development, and regional security.

Competition in Eurasia

While sharing some common interests, Turkey and Russia have also engaged in competition for influence in Eurasia. Both countries have sought to expand their economic and political reach in the region, often at the expense of each other.

Competition is particularly evident in the South Caucasus, where Turkey supports Azerbaijan and Russia backs Armenia. In Syria, the two countries have backed opposing sides in the civil war.

Cooperation in Eurasia

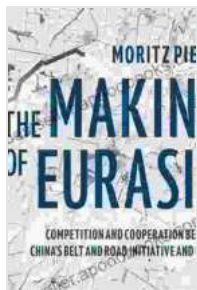
Despite their competition, Turkey and Russia have also engaged in cooperation on a number of issues in Eurasia. Both countries have

benefited from increased trade and investment, and they have worked together on energy projects and regional security initiatives.

Cooperation is particularly evident in the energy sector, where Turkey has become a major importer of Russian gas. The two countries have also signed agreements to build new pipelines and nuclear power plants.

The relationship between Turkey and Russia is a complex and ever-evolving dynamic. Competition and cooperation have intertwined throughout their history, and both countries face the challenge of balancing their interests in Eurasia.

This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the historical, political, and economic factors that have shaped Turkish Russian relations. It is an essential read for anyone seeking to understand the complexities of this strategically important relationship.



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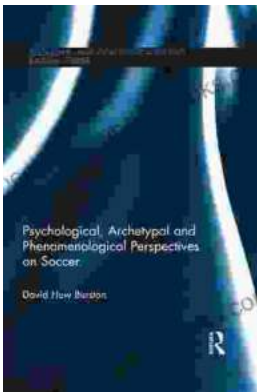
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