



# In the shadow of collapse

**Imperial legacies, failed democratization, civil society and nationalism in the post-Soviet space**

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The collapse of the Soviet Union fueled hopes for democratization in the former republics and for the emergence of a peaceful post-Cold War international order. The war in Ukraine of 2022 has definitely shown how fragile both expectations were. National and international factors have played a role in such outcomes.

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