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During the first third of the twenty-first century, Ukraine has re-emerged as a critical agent within highly complex and defining historical processes. Currently, the geopolitical landscape is profoundly shaped by the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian war. As Ukrainian society advances toward military and domestic stabilization, there is an increasing scholarly and civic demand to analyze global development trajectories and evaluate the nation's strategic position within this framework.

In my opinion, the monograph presented by Ukrainian scholars represents a systematic contribution toward this objective. The study comprehensively explores the repositioning of Ukraine as an effective and influential actor within the highly volatile contemporary system of international relations. Utilizing rigorous argumentation and examining the factors underpinning the resilience of the Ukrainian population, the authors offer innovative conceptual frameworks that are highly relevant to present-day geopolitical challenges.

I am confident that the empirical and theoretical findings of the authors, clearly argued and imbued with faith in the resilience of the Ukrainian people, possess substantial utility for policymakers, diplomats, and practitioners in the field of international relations. Furthermore, this volume serves as a valuable academic resource for students in the humanities who will actively contribute to the strategic, Euro-focused socio-economic and cultural development of Ukraine in the coming decades.

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