Post-communist Politics: Democratic Prospects In Russia And Eastern Europe

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Post-communism countries is the period of political and economic transformation or "transition" in former communist states located in parts of Europe and Asia in which new governments aimed to create free market-oriented capitalist economies. The policies of most communist parties in both the Eastern and Western Bloc had been governed by the example of the Soviet Union. In most countries in the Eastern Bloc, following the fall of communist-led governments in 1989 the communist parties split in two
Michael McFaul. The author has identified, analyzed and compared four models of conversion from authoritarian to democratic rule - Russia, Poland, the former Czechoslovakia and Hungary. In this book he explores the origins and development of the revolutions, formations and consolidations of the post-Communist states, focusing particularly upon questions of territorial integrity and division of power. Concluding that although Poland, Hungary and the former Czechoslovakia meet the basic requirement of a democratic system, Russia has not yet reached that point. Instead, McFaul argues, the transit