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Sommario/riassunto	Since 1991, post-Soviet political elites in Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus have been engaged in nation- as well as state-building. They have tried to strengthen territorial sovereignty and national security, re-shape collective identities and re-narrate national histories. Former Soviet republics have become new neighbours, partners, and competitors searching for geopolitical identity in the new ""Eastern Europe"", i.e. the countries left outside the enlarged EU. Old paradigms such as

""Eurasia"" or ""East Slavic civilisation"" have been re-invented and politically instrumentalized in the i

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