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Eurasian, the Middle East and Africa hydrocarbon energy complex and (b) the emergence of a geo-economic energy network spreading from China to Western Europe. The edited volume consists of 14 high-quality papers on topics announced in the title of the volume: the geopolitics of energy-supply security, alternative sources of energy, energy transition and, at the global level, energy governance. Prof. Dr. Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer, Director Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel, Forschungs-und Studienstätte für Europäische Kulturgeschichte Germany

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