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a political scientist who previously worked at the country's flagship university, *Leaders of the Nation: Kazakhstan during the Twilight of the Nazarbayev Era and the Russo-Ukrainian War* outlines why Kazakhstan warrants our earnest attention. Charles J. Sullivan earned his PhD from the George Washington University. From 2014 to 2022, he worked at Nazarbayev University. Dr. Sullivan is the author of *Motherland: Soviet Nostalgia in the Russian Federation* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022) and has published in *Asian Security*, *Asia Policy*, *Asian Affairs*, *Nationalities Papers*, and *Strategic Analysis*.
