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re-igniting an international discussion on the Prague spring, its origins, its unfolding, its aftermath, and, most importantly, the international context. The volume's contributors are: Ljubodarg Dimi, Jakub Drábik, Mihail Gruev, Slavomír Michálek, Miklós Mitrovits, Jackques Rupnik, Alexander Stykalin, Mirosaw Szumio, Michal Štefanský, and Virgiliu Tarau
