

Contributors

Gerald M. Easter (easterg@bc.edu) is an assistant professor of comparative politics at Boston College and Faculty Associate of the Davis Center at Harvard University. His publications include *Reconstructing the State: Personal Networks and Elite Identity in Soviet Russia* (2000). In 2003, he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach political economy at the European University in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Anna Grzymala-Busse (anna.busse@yale.edu) is an assistant professor of political science at Yale University. Her research focuses on political parties, institutional transformation, and state capture in post-Communist East Central Europe. Her recent publications include *Redeeming the Communist Past: The Regeneration of Communist Successor Parties in East Central Europe*. (Cambridge, 2002), and articles in *Comparative Politics* and in *East European Politics and Society*.

Pauline Jones Luong (pauline.luong@yale.edu) is an assistant professor of political science at Yale University. Her primary research interests are institutional origin and change, the politics of identity, and the political economy of development in the former Soviet Union. She has published articles in several journals, including *Comparative Political Studies*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *Europe-Asia Studies*, and a book titled *Institutional Change and Political Continuity in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Power, Perceptions, and Pacts* (Cambridge, 2002).

Regina Smyth (rsmyth@psu.edu) is an assistant professor of political science at Penn State University and the recipient of grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, and the Smith Richardson Foundation to compile extensive data on party formation and candidate behavior in Russia. Resulting papers are forthcoming in *Comparative Political Studies* and appear in edited volumes. Smyth is currently completing a book-length manuscript that examines the evolution of coordination and cooperation resulting from candidates' strategies in Russian elections from 1989-99.

Lucan A. Way (lway@temple.edu) is an assistant professor of political science at Temple University. His research focuses on questions of state capacity, fiscal politics, institutional transformation, and regime trajectories. He has published articles in several journals including *Comparative Politics*, *East European Politics and Societies*, *Journal of Democracy*, and *Post-Soviet Affairs*. He is currently completing a book on state capacity in the former Soviet Union.