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**The Post-Soviet handbook: a guide to grassroots organizations and Internet resources**, by M. Holt Ruffin et al. Rev. ed. Center for Civil Society International/Washington, 1999. 397p indexes afp ISBN 0-295-97794-9 pbk, \$19.95

Following the format of the first edition (CH, Dec'96), this trade paperback provides information about nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in the newly independent states (NIS) of the former Soviet Union, as well as US- and Canadian-based groups and Internet resources. The compilers were highly selective, including only a few hundred of the thousands of NGOs active in the NIS, excluding (as with the previous edition) the Baltic countries but dropping, without explanation, the Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan). *Civil Society in Central Asia*, ed. by Ruffin and Daniel C. Waugh (1999), covers NGOs in those countries. *Post-Soviet Handbook* lists NGOs alphabetically, dividing the NIS section by country, then by city. A subject index would have been very useful. As available, information includes name, address, telephone and fax numbers, URL, contact person, e-mail address, and a brief description of the group's purpose and activities. Internet resources, divided by topic, include only discussion lists and Web sites. New sections list IREX Internet programs in the NIS and provide a brief annotated list of print resources. The work continues to be useful for graduate students, faculty, and other specialists attempting to establish contacts with grassroots groups in the NIS.—  
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