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In issue #2, 2012, Paul Chaisty and Stephen Whitefield (Oxford University, UK) examine survey data to assess the impact of the 2008 financial crisis in Russia on popular support for Russia's rulers and political institutions. Valerie Sperling (Clarke University) uses interviews and diverse media sources, including blogs and YouTube videos, to explore some of the gendered ways in which political youth organizations in Russia voice criticism of, or support for, the Putin-centered regime. Dmitry Zimin (University of East Finland) then follows with an examination of how two Finnish energy companies managed to invest in Russia in ways that proved beneficial to both the companies' yield from their investments and the course of economic transformation in Russia. Finally, Kathryn Hendley (Wisconsin) uses data from surveys in Russia to specify the extent to which lack of respect for rule of law prevails within the Russian population, and the demographic and subjective determinants of such "legal nihilism."

Issue #3 features articles by Timothy Colton (Harvard) on Ukraine; Valerie Bunce (Cornell) and Karrie Koesel (Oregon) on comparisons between Russia's public protests and such protest in the "Arab Spring"; Stephen Wegren (Southern Methodist University) on the likely impact of Russia's membership in the World Trade Organization on that country's agricultural sector; and Jordan Gans-Morse (Northwestern) on the evolution in the past decade of threats to property rights in Russia.

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