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**An insight into the last twenty years  
of Russian politics by a leading figure**

This provocative book by Boris Nemtsov originates from the workshop held in August 2008 at Villa San Carlo Borromeo in Senago, Milan. With accurate detail and analytical foresight, the author provides an in-depth description of the last twenty years in Russia, offering a distinctive portrayal of both the contemporary and the forthcoming scenarios. A staunch opponent to Putin's regime, here Nemtsov presents a cultural, political and financial programme for Russia's transformation. The book concludes with the full version of the Putin and Gazprom report, compiled in collaboration with Vladimir Milov and previously published in "Novaja Gazeta": an insightful analysis of the results of Putin's policies and his legacy in today's Russia.

*"Russia will rise again: that's one of the most popular phrases, repeated over and over again by Putin and Medvedev [...]. I thought for Russia 'rise again' meant defeating poverty, having an efficient health service, building roads. [...] Instead, for Putin it means occupying neighbouring territories, in homage to the tradition of being conquerors of all that surrounds us [...] 'Rise again' inevitably means killing and conquering territories. It's a disaster. And this, unfortunately, is what is happening today, in the twenty-first century".*

**Boris Efimovič Nemtsov** (Soči, 1959) is a physicist and politician of democratic leanings. In 1988, he created the movement Molodaya Rossiya (Young Russia), which in 1999 merged into the bloc Soyuz Pravikh Sil (Union of Right Forces). A right-hand man of Boris Yeltsin, he was appointed Governor of Nizhnii Novgorod, where he led efforts to promote regional development. He was First Deputy Chairman of the Russian Federation and Minister of Fuel and Energy in the years 1997-1998, and then, from 2005 to 2006, Advisor to the President of Ukraine Viktor Juščenko.



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