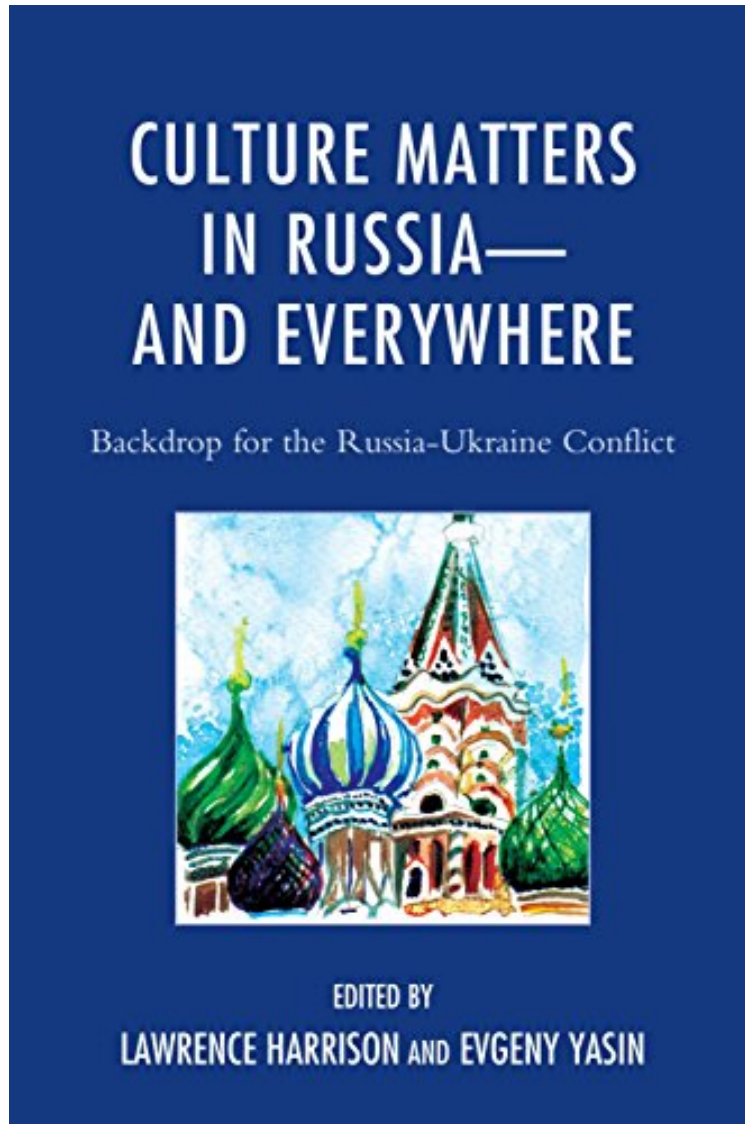


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This book pulls together experts in the fields of economics and Russian culture, all participants in the Samuel P. Huntington Memorial Symposium on Culture, Cultural Change and Economic Development, a follow-up to the 1999 Cultural Values and Human Progress Symposium at Harvard University. As the sequel to the 2001 volume *Culture Matters*, it discusses modernization, democratization, economic, and political reforms in Russia and asserts that these reforms can happen through the reframing of cultural values, attitudes, and institutions. (Cover design by Katie Makrie.)

This is a superb compendium for anyone wanting to understand the vital role cultural values play in the achievements and failures of any tribe, society, or nation. Only Lawrence Harrison could have brought together thirty-nine of the world's preeminent experts in human culture to present their work at this historic Moscow Conference. Thanks to Harrison, these are all now captured in this book. Among presenters, Russia's former Minister of Economic Development, Evgeny Yasin, now Academic Supervisor at the Higher School of Economics, led a group of eight prominent Russians. Their excellent papers (chapters in the book) cover: the role of the Orthodox church; the status of Russia's market economy; Russians' views on work; entrepreneurship; private property; security; stability; and other cultural values important in that country—and in all the others as well. (Steven Pease, author of *The Golden Age of Jewish Achievement* and co-chair of the US-Russia Foundation) Lawrence Harrison has been a pioneer in applying a cultural perspective to intractable questions of economic and political development. His most famous early work was on Latin America, and now he asks similarly penetrating questions about Russia's present and future. It is a topic of enormous significance, and the chapters in this volume are clarifying and stimulating. (James Fallows, national correspondent, *The Atlantic Monthly*) This collection of essays discusses modernization, democratization, and economic and political reforms in Russia and asserts that these reforms can be accomplished through the reframing of cultural values, attitudes, and institutions. The contributors—which include three Nobel Laureates—strive to analyze and understand Russian culture as tensions between Russia and the West heighten to levels not seen since the Cold War. About the Author Lawrence Harrison is visiting scholar, retired, at Tufts University's Fletcher School and author of *Jews, Confucians, and Protestants: Cultural Capital and the End of Multiculturalism*. Evgeny Yasin is academic supervisor at the National Research University—Higher School of Economics and author of *Will Democracy Survive in Russia?*