



## Ethnographies of Grey Zones in Eastern Europe

### Relations, Borders and Invisibilities

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### **A riveting exploration that brings forth new conceptualizations of everyday life and uncertainty in Eastern Europe.**

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Over the last two decades, Eastern European countries have experienced extensive changes in geo-political relocations and relations leading to everyday uncertainty. Based on ethnographic cases, this anthology explores how grey zones of governance, borders, relations and invisibilities affect everyday life in contemporary Eastern Europe.

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This book will be of interest to scholars and students of sociology, democracy, borders, migration, informal practices, morality, and East–West relations within a European context.

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