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'Official history' is generally understood as the state-sponsored and ideologically-inclined construction of the past which serves the particular political aims of mostly non-democratic regimes. The optimistic belief that it would end with the collapse of the Soviet Union has proved rather naive. Over the last thirty years we have experienced a "*general politicization of history*" (Pierre Nora) – the process of transforming what historians produce into an ideology.

The interdisciplinary contributions to this volume by scholars from Austria, Britain, France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Switzerland and Ukraine analyze and discuss the institutions and personalities constructing 'Official History'; literature as history's playground; the (re-)invention of memorial spaces; and the trans-border dimensions of the Euromaidan and the Donbas war.

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