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## Foreword

This book presents a selection of the papers discussed at the Changing Europe Summer School on 'Central and Eastern Europe in a globalized world', held at the University of Bremen, Germany in July/August 2008. The Summer School brought together young academics from all over the world working on issues related to Central and Eastern European societies and the enlarged EU.

Since 2006, the Changing Europe Summer School has each year invited approximately thirty young academics from different disciplines (political science, sociology, history, anthropology, economics, law, geography) to share their work on Central and Eastern Europe. Our main goal is to give them a chance to present and discuss their research projects and become more integrated into the academic community. Participants are selected in an anonymous review process that is kindly supported by the members of our international review panel (for more information on the Changing Europe Summer School see [www.changing-europe.de](http://www.changing-europe.de)). The results of each Summer School are published in a book series.

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