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pathologies of these small, vulnerable, and backwards states in Europe are our problems too. In this deepening conflict, we are all lands in between."

Présentation de l'éditeur : "Russia's hybrid war on the West is only beginning to be understood, but it has changed politics in all affected countries. Those changes are most visible in the lands in between, countries that today lie in between Russia and the European Union, on top of an emerging geopolitical fault line in Europe. This book shows that we can learn important lessons from these lands in between about how hybrid war affects our own politics at home."

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