Understanding Regime Legitimacy in Central Asia

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Patrimonial, patronal, clientelistic: Central Asia’s authoritarian power is often classified in these terms. The proliferation of analytical rubrics and conceptual lenses to delve into regional developments confirms that, if anything, Central Asian politics are profoundly complex. The regional conformation of power does however remain relatively stable. Regime durability, in most cases, is supported by the intricate connection of domestic patronal networks with international alliances; sophisticated propaganda machines have also sustained local élites in their drive to conceal disastrous socio-economic policies. For all intents and purposes, a calculated combination of softer authoritarian strategies and more repressive governance methods has allowed the Central Asian leaders to reduce internal political processes and mechanisms to regimes' monopolies.

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