Review of: "Rebuilding a ‘Greater Russia’ and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine"

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Dr. Kanet's article is significant and scholarly. The Kremlin's efforts to expand its sphere of influence and revive Russia's power have been well expressed. Of course, he has correctly explained Putin's expansionist policies.

Whatever Dr. Kanet paid less attention to is that however much Russia has tried to have a closer relationship with the former republics, the less successful it has been. However much has sought to expand the sphere of influence in near abroad, it has had less results. Because the mistrust of the republics around Russia towards the Kremlin and Putin's politics has become the most significant variable in Eurasia. In addition, economic weakness and stagnation are the most important domestic threats against Russia.

It seems that Putin not only will not succeed in expansionism over Ukraine, but the threat of further disintegration of Russia in the future is also likely.