

The Architekturzentrum Wien writes architectural (hi)stories: This book documents and contextualises the architecture of the 14 former Soviet Republics **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan** that was produced in the period between the Thaw and Perestroika in the shadow of the 'big brother Russia'. An extraordinary collection of analyses and stories, case studies and oral history documents which are illustrated by historical and contemporary photographs was generated in collaboration with numerous experts and architects. We abandon the notion of a faceless, uniform Soviet architecture and direct our gaze at specifically regional aspects and in the process discover previously unknown kinds of architecture that challenge the conventional history of post-war modernism written from a purely western viewpoint.