Challenges of the Caspian Resource Boom
Domestic Elites and Policy-Making

Edited by
Andreas Heinrich and Heiko Pleines
Research Centre for East European Studies, University of Bremen
## Contents

*List of Figures*  
vi

*List of Tables*  
viii

*Preface*  
ix

*List of Contributors*  
xi

*List of Abbreviations and Acronyms*  
xiv

1 Introduction: Political Challenges of a Resource Boom  
*Andreas Heinrich*

### Part I Theories and Concepts

2 The Rentier State: Relevance, Scope and Explanatory Power  
*Thomas Richter*  
23

3 Slippery Slopes: Pitfalls for the Rulers of Resource-Rich States  
*Indra Øverland*  
35

4 Neopatrimonialism: Concept or Metaphor?  
*Gero Erdmann*  
46

5 Patron–client Relations: Explanations and Conceptual Promises  
*Andreas Heinemann-Grüder*  
58

### Part II Patterns of Elite Interaction and Policy-Making in the Energy Sector

6 Political Elites in Kazakhstan  
*Tolganai Umbetalieva and Dosym Satpayev*  
73

7 Kinship and the State in Kazakhstan’s Political Economy  
*Edward Schatz*  
89
8 The Role of the Oil Elite in Policy-Making in Kazakhstan
Julia Kusznir

9 Political Elites in Azerbaijan
Farid Guliyev

10 The Role of the Oil Elite in Policy-Making in Azerbaijan
Hannes Meissner

11 Politics and the Energy Sector in Turkmenistan
Michael Denison

Part III Regulation of Property Rights and Investment

12 Foreign Direct Investors and National Politics
Birgit Brauer

13 Regulating Property and Exploitation Rights of Natural Resources
Christian Nygaard

14 National Oil Companies and the State
Heidi Kjærnet

15 The Role of Corruption in the Governance of the Oil and Gas Industry
Heiko Pleines

Part IV Spending the Petrodollars

16 The National Fund of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Yelena Kalyuzhnova

17 Managing the State Oil Fund in Azerbaijan
Kenan Aslanli

18 Providing Welfare in Post-Soviet Rentier States
Anja Franke-Schwenk

Conclusion
Andreas Heinrich and Heiko Pleines

Bibliography

Index