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The Kazakhstan government has sought to radically overhaul its education system, moving from a highly centralised system to one that allows for more institutional autonomy and responsiveness at the local level. This book investigates the key reforms involved, including increasing the academic and fiscal autonomy of universities, the creation of a world-class university, and the implementation of a large-scale international scholarship programme. The Case of Kazakhstan underscores the significant challenges of enacting reforms, which require new policies and structures and an entirely new set of assumptions about academic quality, the work of universities, and the role of education in society.

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