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Andrei Soldatov is a nonresident senior fellow with the Center for European Policy Analysis. Andrei is a Russian investigative journalist, co-founder, and editor of *Agentura.ru*, a watchdog of the Russian secret services' activities. He has been covering security services and terrorism issues since 1999. Soldatov covered the siege in Beslan for *Echo of Moskv*y, a leading independent radio station, and *Moscow News*. For *Novaya Gazeta*, he covered the 2006 Lebanon War from Lebanon and tensions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In October 2012 *Agentura.Ru*, *Privacy International*, and *Citizen Lab* launched the joint project 'Russia's Surveillance State' with Andrei Soldatov as a head of the project, to undertake research and

investigation into surveillance practices in Russia, including the trade in and use of surveillance technologies. The project's research over surveillance measures introduced by the Russian authorities at the 2014 Winter Olympics was run by the Guardian as a frontpage story.

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Irina Borogan of *The New Nobility. The Restoration of Russia's Security State and the Enduring Legacy of the KGB* (PublicAffairs, 2010), *The Red Web: The Struggle Between Russia's Digital Dictators and the New Online Revolutionaries* (PublicAffairs, 2015) and *The Compatriots: The Brutal and Chaotic History of Russia's Exiles, Émigrés, and Agents Abroad* (PublicAffairs, 2019).

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