



## Perestroika in Perspective: The Design and Dilemmas of Soviet Reform (Paperback)

By Padma Desai

Princeton University Press, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Revised updated ed. 229 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Mikhail Gorbachev s perestroika is a historic effort at restructuring the troubled Soviet economy. Wide-ranging in scope, harnessed with cultural and political reforms, it raises intriguing and important questions: Are Gorbachev s ideas different from the Kosygin-Brezhnev reform of 1965 that came to naught? What kinds of problems do the Russians have in understanding the market system? Who opposes perestroika? Do Gorbachev s proposals threaten his own future as Soviet leader? How does perestroika relate to a more general environment of openness, of glasnost? What happened at the June 1988 Party Conference? And, above all, is the old order really giving way to a new one? Or does Gorbachev aim at capitalist icing on a socialist cake ? To answer these questions and others, Padma Desai, a distinguished pioneer in the modern econometric analysis of the Soviet economy, has distilled from Gorbachev s myriad decrees the outlines of his strategy for doing away with the Soviet Union s long-term economic malaise. Focusing on the key areas of industry, agriculture, services, and foreign trade, she discusses specific blueprints...



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