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In addition, NCEEER has editorial responsibility for Problems of Post-Communism. This editorship strengthens and deepens NCEEER's commitment to the support and publication of high-quality, peer-review research for both scholarly and policy-making purposes.

NCEEER has recently established the Edward L. Keenan NCEEER Endowment. The income generated by the Endowment will help NCEEER to maintain its support for high-quality scholarship in the context of rapidly changing conditions.

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