Reply:

The nonimperialist use of the term *Eurasia* is akin to the nonpejorative use of the term *queer*: this practice of strategic reappropriation seemed controversial at first but has become widely accepted in academic discourse. Most readers will be able to distinguish without difficulty between a work of queer theory and a homophobic slur; ditto for the use of the term *Eurasia* here. However, the problematic past and present uses of the term need to be borne in mind, and it would help if scholars who use this term include a qualifying footnote in their text, especially if the text is addressed to a nonspecialist academic audience.

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