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The demise of Leninist regimes was accompanied by the hegemonic rise of the free market ideology with neoliberalism being its most ideal-typical embodiment. Yet, the decades of the neoliberal hegemony on both global and regional scales have not removed the state and its role in promoting development from research and policy agendas. Moreover, neoliberalism has produced a string backlash in forms of nativist and populist reaction. Thus, the article sets out to trace the genealogy of the state within the framework of the late Leninist regimes and post-Leninist period, asking a question about the relevance of the East-Asian developmental state experience to post-Soviet conditions. The article discusses the experience of Japan and South Korea, while exploring theoretical underpinnings of the sociological discourse of the state and its role in the development. Thus, the article comes up with a condensed narrative of the history of the developmental state both as an institutional arrangement and sociological discourse. It discusses and evaluates the contribution to the sociology of the developmental state of such scholars as Alice Amsden, Peter Evans, Bruce Cumings. The article conceptualizes the relations between the developmental state and neoliberalism. It also identifies the causes of the developmental state crisis and evaluates the Eastern-European experience with constructing such a state. The article defines the stumbling blocks on the way of building the developmental state in Ukraine. It is argued that given Ukraine's proximity to the EU as well as pluralistic nature of the Ukrainian society the authoritarian option is not viable for Ukraine. At the same time, Ukraine is unlikely to succeed in building the developmental state, being caught in a struggle with a kleptocratic polity which has been unable so far to produce a long-term developmental policies.

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