1. Record Nr. UNINA9910148843403321 Autore Gaufman Elizaveta **Titolo** Security Threats and Public Perception: Digital Russia and the Ukraine Crisis / / by Elizaveta Gaufman Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2017 **ISBN** 3-319-43201-X Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XI, 222 p. 22 illus. in color.) Collana New Security Challenges, , 2731-0329 320.947 Disciplina Soggetti Russia—Politics and government World politics Russia—History Europe, Eastern—History World history Russian and Post-Soviet Politics Political History Russian, Soviet, and East European History World History, Global and Transnational History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references at the end of each chapters and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1. Introduction -- Chapter 2. Defining Securitization, Enemy Image Research, and Memory Studies -- Chapter 3. Identifying Threat Narratives -- Chapter 4. Back to the USSR: The United States of America as the Primary Threat to Russia -- Chapter 5. World War II 2.0: Narrative of Fascism and the Ukraine Crisis -- Chapter 6. Blasphemy: Threats to Russia's 'Spiritual Bonds' -- Chapter 7. 'Sexuality must be defended': Perceived Dangers of the LGBTQ community -- Chapter 8. Inter-Ethnic conflict: Migration, Alien Culture, Terrorism, and Criminality -- <chapter 9.="" lesser="" threats -- chapter="" 10.="" conclusions. ="". Sommario/riassunto Countless attempts at analyzing Russia's actions focus on Putin to

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