

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910454886103321
Titolo	Russian foreign policy in the twenty-first century and the shadow of the past [[electronic resource] /] / edited by Robert Legvold
Pubbl/distr/stampa	New York, : Columbia University Press, c2007
ISBN	1-283-00889-0 9786613008893 0-231-51217-1
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (545 p.)
Collana	Studies of the Harriman Institute
Altri autori (Persone)	LegvoldRobert
Disciplina	327.47
Soggetti	POLITICAL SCIENCE / International Relations / General Electronic books. Russia History Russia (Federation) Foreign relations Russia (Federation) Politics and government 1991- Soviet Union Foreign relations
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction / Legvold, Robert -- 1. Living in the Hood: Russia, Empire, and Old and New Neighbors / Suny, Ronald Grigor -- 2. Russian Foreign Policy During Periods of Great State Transformation / Legvold, Robert -- 3. Domestic Conjunctures, the Russian State, and the World Outside, 1700-2006 / McDonald, David -- 4. How Persistent Are Persistent Factors? / Rieber, Alfred J. -- 5. Russian Concepts of National Security / Caldwell, Lawrence T. -- 6. Russia in Northeast Asia: In Search of a Strategy / Rozman, Gilbert -- 7. Reluctant Europeans: Three Centuries of Russian Ambivalence Toward the West / Stent, Angela -- 8. Global Challenges and Russian Foreign Policy / Wallander, Celeste A. -- Contributors -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	Because the turbulent trajectory of Russia's foreign policy since the collapse of the Soviet Union echoes previous moments of social and political transformation, history offers a special vantage point from which to judge the current course of events. In this book, a mix of

leading historians and political scientists examines the foreign policy of contemporary Russia over four centuries of history. The authors explain the impact of empire and its loss, the interweaving of domestic and foreign impulses, long-standing approaches to national security, and the effect of globalization over time. Contributors focus on the underlying patterns that have marked Russian foreign policy and that persist today. These patterns are driven by the country's political makeup, geographical circumstances, economic strivings, unsettled position in the larger international setting, and, above all, its tortured effort to resolve issues of national identity. The argument here is not that the Russia of Putin and his successors must remain trapped by these historical patterns but that history allows for an assessment of how much or how little has changed in Russia's approach to the outside world and creates a foundation for identifying what must change if Russia is to evolve. A truly unique collection, this volume utilizes history to shed crucial light on Russia's complex, occasionally inscrutable relationship with the world. In so doing, it raises the broader issue of the relationship of history to the study of contemporary foreign policy and how these two enterprises might be better joined.
