1. Record Nr. UNINA9910462877503321 Autore Gorbachev Mikhail **Titolo** Conversations with Gorbachev: on Perestroika, the Prague spring, and the crossroads of socialism / / Mikhail Gorbachev and Zdenek Mlynar; translated by George Shriver Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Columbia University Press,, [2002] ©2002 **ISBN** 0-231-52927-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (255 p.) Disciplina 947.0854092 Soggetti Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di contenuto Contents; Introduction; Translator's Note; Author's Preface; CONVERSATION ONE: The Criss-Crossing of our Paths; 1. Student Communists; 2. New Hopes and New Disappointments; 3. Twenty Years, Divergent Paths; CONVERSATION TWO: How We Sought to Reinvigorate Socialism; 1. The Prague Spring and its Defeat; 2. More Democracy, More Socialism; 3. Freedom of Choice Either Exists or It Doesn't; 4. An Airplane Took Off, Not Knowing Where It Would Land; 5. What to Do With the Party ?; 6. Can the Use of Force ""Save Socialism""?; CONVERSATION THREE: There's Only One World Breaking Out of the Dead End of the Cold War2. Socialism is Alive as a World Process; 3. At a Crossroads of Civilization; CONCLUDING THOUGHTS The Conscience of the Reformer: Index Sommario/riassunto Mikhail Gorbachev and Zdenek Mlynar were friends for half a century. since they first crossed paths as students in 1950. Although one was a Russian and the other a Czech, they were both ardent supporters of communism and socialism. One took part in laying the groundwork for and carrying out the Prague spring; the other opened a new political era in Soviet world politics. In 1993 they decided that their conversations might be of interest to others and so they began to taperecord them. This book is the product of that ?thinking out loud" process. It is an absorbing record of two fri