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Note generali	"The problem "The Literary Field under the Communist Regime: Structure, Functions, 'Illusio'" was discussed by literary scholars from various European countries and the USA who came to the Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore in Vilnius (2015). At this conference the literary scholars aimed to overcome the dualistic schemes prevailing in the research of literatures under the communist regime and to create more complex, nuanced, and contextualized frameworks for their analyses. Pierre Bourdieu's concept of literary field suggested a systematic approach towards literary practices, highlighting the functional relationship between literature and society, revealing a network of interconnected individual and collective literary agents, emphasizing the role of illusio (the tendency of participants to engage in the political game and believe in its significance), and combining internal and external analysis of literary works. Part of the discussion from this conference was published in the journal Colloquia, "A Discussion on Methodology for Researching Soviet Literary Space" (2015) and the other part; the most relevant articles have been written for this collection"-- from the preface.
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This volume widens the field of Soviet literature studies by interpreting it as a multinational project, with national literatures acting not as copies of the Russian model, but as creators of a multidimensional literary space. The book proposes a reconsideration of Pierre Bourdieu's theory of literary field and analyzes the interactions of literature, power, and economics under the communist rule. The articles selected include theoretical discussions and case studies from different national literatures presenting different structural elements of the Soviet literary field, as well as phenomena created by the complexity of the field itself, such as the Aesopian language, state of emergency literature, or compromise as the essential element of the writers' identity.
