Record Nr. UNINA9910645979803321 Autore Eichler Maya <1974-> Titolo Militarizing Men: Gender, Conscription, and War in Post-Soviet Russia / / Maya Eichler Brookline, MA:,: Academic Studies Press,, 2022 Pubbl/distr/stampa Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (280 pages) Collana Contemporary Western Rusistika Disciplina 355.0213 Soggetti Militarism Masculinity Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di contenuto Cover -- Gender and Militarization in the Soviet Union -- Militarized Masculinity and State Leadership in the Russian -- Conscription --Contesting and Reproducing -- Questionable Warriors or a Model --Russia -- Index -- Copyright. Sommario/riassunto A state's ability to maintain mandatory conscription and wage war rests on the idea that a "real man" is one who has served in the military. Yet masculinity has no inherent ties to militarism. The link between men and the military, argues Maya Eichler, must be produced and reproduced in order to fill the ranks, engage in combat, and mobilize the population behind war. In the context of Russia's post-communist transition and the Chechen wars, men's militarization has been challenged and reinforced. Eichler uncovers the challenges by exploring widespread draft evasion and desertion, anti-draft and anti-war activism led by soldiers' mothers, and the general lack of popular support for the Chechen wars. However, the book also identifies channels through which militarized gender identities have been reproduced. Eichler's empirical and theoretical study of masculinities in international relations applies for the first time the concept of "militarized masculinity," developed by feminist IR scholars, to the case

of Russia.