Record Nr. UNINA9910737272903321 Autore Mälksoo Lauri Titolo Illegal Annexation and State Continuity: The Case of the Incorporation of the Baltic States by the USSR. Second Revised Edition Boston:,: BRILL,, 2022 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2022 **ISBN** 90-04-46489-1 9789004464896 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Collana The Erik Castren Institute monographs on international law and human rights, , 1568-2765 ; ; volume 20 341.2/9 Disciplina Soggetti Dismemberment of nations Annexation (International law) Baltic States International status Baltic States History Autonomy and independence movements Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction -- Illegal annexation, state continuity and identity: concepts and controversies -- The legal status of the Baltic states in International Law after 1991: claims and responses -- The Baltic states between 1940 and 1991: Illegality and/or prescription -- The 'occupation' of the Baltic states (1940-1991)? -- Controversial claims for restoration of legal rights in the Baltic Case -- State continuity in cases of prolonged illegal annexation: status and/or Rights? -- The Baltic case and lessons from other cases. Sommario/riassunto "This volume, now in its second and revised edition, deals with the legal status of the three Baltic States - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as a consequence of the illegality of the Soviet annexation in 1940-1991. It offers a detailed historical overview of the Soviet takeover of the Baltic States in 1939/1940 and analysis of international law as it was in force, also regionally and bilaterally, at the time. It examines the role of the continuity of the diplomatic representations of the Baltic

States and other manifestations of the Western non-recognition of the Soviet annexation. Moreover, the book examines the nature of the

restoration of the Baltic States in 1991 based on their State continuity claim. It also studies in detail questions such as borders, citizenship and reparation claims, and asks to what extent State continuity could or could not be restored in practice. Compared to the first edition, the text has been updated (for example, on developments regarding border treaties) but also more background references have been added on the history of the Baltic States, Soviet and post-Soviet Russian responses to the continuity claim of the Baltic States, etc. The book interprets the Soviet annexation and Baltic States' continuity case against the wider backdrop of developments in international law in the 20th century and argues that the outcome reflected important normative developments in international law, away from mere effectivity. The case of the Baltic States will be relevant for current and future cases of illegal annexation, following the threat and use of military force prohibited under international law"--