Record Nr. UNINA9910780639303321 Autore Frachetti Michael D **Titolo** Pastoralist landscapes and social interaction in bronze age Eurasia [[electronic resource] /] / Michael D. Frachetti Berkeley, : University of California Press, c2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-36079-5 9786612360794 0-520-94269-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (233 p.) 950.1 Disciplina Soggetti Bronze age - Eurasia Pastoral systems, Prehistoric - Eurasia Excavations (Archaeology) - Eurasia Antiquities, Prehistoric - Eurasia **Eurasia Antiquities** 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 (p. 185-205) and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Prologue --Introduction -- 1. Conceptualizing Pastoralist Landscapes -- 2. An Archaeology of Bronze Age Eurasia -- 3. Continuity, Variation, and Change of the Eurasian Steppe Environment -- 4. Between Ethnography and History: Pastoralism and Society in Semirech'ye and the Dzhungar Mountains -- 5. A Pastoralist Landscape in Semirech'ye: Archaeology of the Koksu River Valley -- 6. Bronze Age Pastoralism, Landscape, and Social Interaction -- Conclusion -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Offering a fresh archaeological interpretation, this work Sommario/riassunto reconceptualizes the Bronze Age prehistory of the vast Eurasian steppe during one of the most formative and innovative periods of human history. Michael D. Frachetti combines an analysis of newly documented archaeological sites in the Koksu River valley of eastern Kazakhstan with detailed paleoecological and ethnohistorical data to illustrate patterns in land use, settlement, burial, and rock art. His investigation

illuminates the practical effect of nomadic strategies on the broader geography of social interaction and suggests a new model of local and

regional interconnection in the third and second millennia B.C.E. Frachetti further argues that these early nomadic communities played a pivotal role in shaping enduring networks of exchange across Eurasia.