Record Nr. UNINA9910783576203321 Autore Melegh Attila **Titolo** On the east-west slope: globalization, nationalism, racism and discourses on Eastern Europe / / Attila Melegh Pubbl/distr/stampa Budapest:,: CEU Press,, 2006 ©2006 **ISBN** 615-5053-77-4 1-281-37687-6 9786611376871 1-4237-6962-7 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xi, 220 pages) Disciplina 940.56/1 Soggetti International economic integration **Europe Economic integration** Europe Foreign relations Europe, Eastern Europe, Eastern Foreign relations Europe Europe, Eastern Politics and government 1989-Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [199]-213) and index. Nota di contenuto Liberal humanitarian utopia and Eastern and Central Europe --Exclusions "east" and "west": population discourses and the civilizational slope -- Floating east: Eastern and Central Europe on the map of global institutional actors -- I am suspicious of myself: eastwest narratives at the turn of the millenium -- Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto Melegh's work offers a powerful analysis of the sociological and symbolic meanings of East-West in Europe after the end of the Cold War. Melegh exposes the underbelly of liberal characterizations of East-West, highlighting the polarizing effect of extreme nationalism and ethnic racism. The theoretical underpinnings of this work involve the ideas of preeminent theorists such as Karl Mannheim, Michel Foucault and more recently Maria Todorova and Iver Neumann. The importance of this work lies in its ability to cast into fine relief how the "East-West Slope" oriented negatively from West to East has emerged

from liberal characterizations of this project. In addition this is one of

the first attempts to link post-colonial analysis to developments in Eastern Europe.