1. Record Nr. UNINA9910811971403321 Autore Tomka Miklos Titolo Expanding religion: religious revival in post-communist Central and Eastern Europe / / Miklos Tomka Berlin: New York, : De Gruyter, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-16519-8 9786613165190 3-11-022816-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (268 p.) Collana Religion and society, , 1437-5370 ; ; v. 47 Disciplina 274.3/083 Europe, Central Church history 20th century Soggetti Europe, Eastern Church history 20th century Europe, Central Religion Europe, Eastern Religion 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 and index. Front matter -- Acknowledgments -- Table of Contents -- 1. Does Nota di contenuto religion in Eastern and Central Europe matter? -- 2. Public opinion on religion and the churches -- 3. Revival? Crisis? Metamorphosis? -Versions of religious change -- 4. A role of religion in the organization of life -- 5. Assortments of religion -- 6. The prospects for religious development -- Bibliography -- Index of Names Reiterated international comparative surveys offer evidences about Sommario/riassunto developments of religion-related scene in Central and Eastern Europe. The present volume is the first one, which presents an extensive and detailed cross-national analysis of sociological data comparing extensively countries, regions and denominations in the past two decades. It displays achievements and shortages of a religious revival in the post-communist region, as well as religion's role in family life, social responsibility and public commitment. It proves the combination of de-Christianization based on previous persecution of religion and an ongoing modernization and the rise and the transformation of religion.

In some countries popular religiosity of traditional social strata is dominant. In other countries there is a visible transition from old and

low strata religiosity to a more restricted but socially more influential religiosity of young middle and upper strata groups. In final outcome the volume substantiates the growing public role of religion in Eastern and Central Europe as well as the distinct impact of religiosity on individual behaviour. These results contradict the idea of an overwhelming secularization but argue for a more complex process overcoming the communist past.