Record Nr. UNINA9910814038503321 Autore Ringel Felix Titolo Back to the postindustrial future: an ethnography of Germany's fastest shrinking city / / Felix Ringel Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, [New York];; Oxford, [England]:,: Berghahn Books,, 2018 ©2018 **ISBN** 1-78533-799-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (222 pages): illustrations (some color), maps, photographs EASA Series::33 Collana Disciplina 943/.186 Soggetti Deindustrialization - Germany Coal trade - Germany - Hoyerswerda Hoverswerda (Germany) Social conditions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: anthropology and the future: notes from a shrinking fieldsite -- "There can only be one narrative": postsocialism, shrinkage and the politics of context in Hoyerswerda -- Reasoning about the past : temporal politics and moral historical education in a city with no future -- "Hoyerswerda-- ?" : "-- once had a future!" : temporal flexibility and the politics of -- The future -- Enforced futurism / Prescribed Hopes: Affective Politics and Pedagogies of the Future --Performing the future: endurance, maintenance and self-formation in times of shrinkage -- Conclusion: Coming to terms with the future / "Zukunftsbewaltigung" -- Bibliography -- Index. How does an urban community come to terms with the loss of its Sommario/riassunto future? The former socialist model city of Hoyerswerda is an extreme case of a declining postindustrial city. Built to serve the GDR coal industry, it lost over half its population to outmigration after German reunification and the coal industry crisis, leading to the large-scale deconstruction of its cityscape. This book tells the story of its inhabitants, now forced to reconsider their futures. Building on recent theoretical work, it advances a new anthropological approach to time.

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