

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910814069303321
Titolo	In the Name of the Great Work : Stalin's Plan for the Transformation of Nature and its Impact in Eastern Europe // ed. by Doubravka Olšáková
Pubbl/distr/stampa	New York; ; Oxford : , : Berghahn Books, , [2016] ©2016
ISBN	1-78920-502-6
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (x, 311 pages)
Collana	Environment in History: International Perspectives ; ; 10
Classificazione	NQ 8273
Disciplina	509
Soggetti	Environmental policy - Europe, Eastern - History - 20th century Environmental policy - Soviet Union - History Socialism - Environmental aspects - Europe, Eastern - History - 20th century Nature - Effect of human beings on - Europe, Eastern - History - 20th century Environmental impact analysis - Europe, Eastern - History - 20th century Environmental degradation - Europe, Eastern - History - 20th century Social change - Europe, Eastern - History - 20th century Europe, Eastern - Environmental conditions - History - 20th century Europe, Eastern - Social conditions - 20th century Europe, Eastern Environmental conditions History 20th century Europe, Eastern Social conditions 20th century
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Table of Contents -- List of Tables -- Acknowledgements -- Abbreviations -- Introduction: The Stalin Plan for the Transformation of Nature, and the East European Experience -- CHAPTER 1 Kafkaesque Paradigms: The Stalinist Plan for the Transformation of Nature in Czechoslovakia -- CHAPTER 2 Untamed Seedlings: Hungary and Stalin's Plan for the Transformation of Nature -- CHAPTER 3 The Conspiracy of Silence: The Stalinist Plan for the Transformation of Nature in Poland -- Conclusion: Environmental History, East European Societies, and Totalitarian Regimes -- Index

Sommario/riassunto

Beginning in 1948, the Soviet Union launched a series of wildly ambitious projects to implement Joseph Stalin's vision of a total "transformation of nature." Intended to increase agricultural yields dramatically, this utopian impulse quickly spread to the newly communist states of Eastern Europe, captivating political elites and war-fatigued publics alike. By the time of Stalin's death, however, these attempts at "transformation"—which relied upon ideologically corrupted and pseudoscientific theories—had proven a spectacular failure. This richly detailed volume follows the history of such projects in three communist states—Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia—and explores their varied, but largely disastrous, consequences.
