Record Nr. UNINA9910820939803321 Autore Brudny Yitzhak M **Titolo** Reinventing Russia: Russian nationalism and the Soviet state, 1953-1991 / / Yitzhak M. Brudny Cambridge, MA,: Harvard University Press, 1998 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-674-02896-1 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (x, 352 pages) Collana Russian Research Center studies ; ; 91 Disciplina 947.085 Soggetti Nationalism - Soviet Union Soviet Union Politics and government 1953-1985 Soviet Union Politics and government 1985-1991 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Includes bibliographical references (p. 267-335) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- 1 Russian Nationalists in Soviet Politics -- 2 The Emergence of Politics by Culture, 1953-1964 -- 3 The First Phase of Inclusionary Politics, 1965-1970 --4 The Rise and Fall of Inclusionary Politics, 1971-1985 -- 5 What Went Wrong with the Politics of Inclusion? -- 6 What Is Russia, and Where Should It Go? Political Debates, 1971-1985 -- 7 The Zenith of Politics by Culture, 1985-1989 -- 8 The Demise of Politics by Culture, 1989-1991 -- Epilogue: Russian Nationalism in Postcommunist Russia --Notes -- Index Sommario/riassunto What caused the emergence of nationalist movements in many postcommunist states? What role did communist regimes play in fostering these movements? Why have some been more successful than others? To address these questions, Yitzhak Brudny traces the Russian nationalist movement from its origins within the Russian intellectual elite of the 1950's to its institutionalization in electoral alliances, parliamentary factions, and political movements of the early 1990's. Brudny argues that the rise of the Russian nationalist movement was a combined result of the reinvention of Russian national identity by a group of intellectuals, and the Communist Party's active support of this

reinvention in order to gain greater political legitimacy. The author meticulously reconstructs the development of the Russian nationalist

thought from Khrushchev to Yeltsin, as well as the nature of the Communist Party response to Russian nationalist ideas. Through analysis of major Russian literary, political, and historical writings, the recently-published memoirs of the Russian nationalist intellectuals and Communist Party officials, and documents discovered in the Communist Party archives, Brudny sheds new light on social, intellectual, and political origins of Russian nationalism, and emphasizes the importance of ideas in explaining the fate of the Russian nationalist movement during late communist and early post-communist periods.