Record Nr. UNINA9910822640603321 Autore Frachetti Michael D Titolo Pastoralist landscapes and social interaction in bronze age Eurasia / / Michael D. Frachetti Berkeley, : University of California Press, c2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-36079-5 9786612360794 0-520-94269-8 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (233 p.) 950.1 Disciplina Bronze age - Eurasia Soggetti Pastoral systems, Prehistoric - Eurasia Excavations (Archaeology) - Eurasia Antiquities, Prehistoric - Eurasia **Eurasia Antiquities** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Materiale a stampa **Formato** Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 185-205) and index. Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Prologue --Nota di contenuto Introduction -- 1. Conceptualizing Pastoralist Landscapes -- 2. An Archaeology of Bronze Age Eurasia -- 3. Continuity, Variation, and Change of the Eurasian Steppe Environment -- 4. Between Ethnography and History: Pastoralism and Society in Semirech'ye and the Dzhungar Mountains -- 5. A Pastoralist Landscape in Semirech'ye: Archaeology of the Koksu River Valley -- 6. Bronze Age Pastoralism, Landscape, and Social Interaction -- Conclusion -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto Offering a fresh archaeological interpretation, this work reconceptualizes the Bronze Age prehistory of the vast Eurasian steppe during one of the most formative and innovative periods of human history. Michael D. Frachetti combines an analysis of newly documented archaeological sites in the Koksu River valley of eastern Kazakhstan with detailed paleoecological and ethnohistorical data to illustrate patterns in land use, settlement, burial, and rock art. His investigation

illuminates the practical effect of nomadic strategies on the broader geography of social interaction and suggests a new model of local and

regional interconnection in the third and second millennia B.C.E. Frachetti further argues that these early nomadic communities played a pivotal role in shaping enduring networks of exchange across Eurasia.