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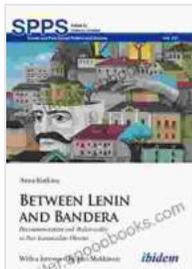
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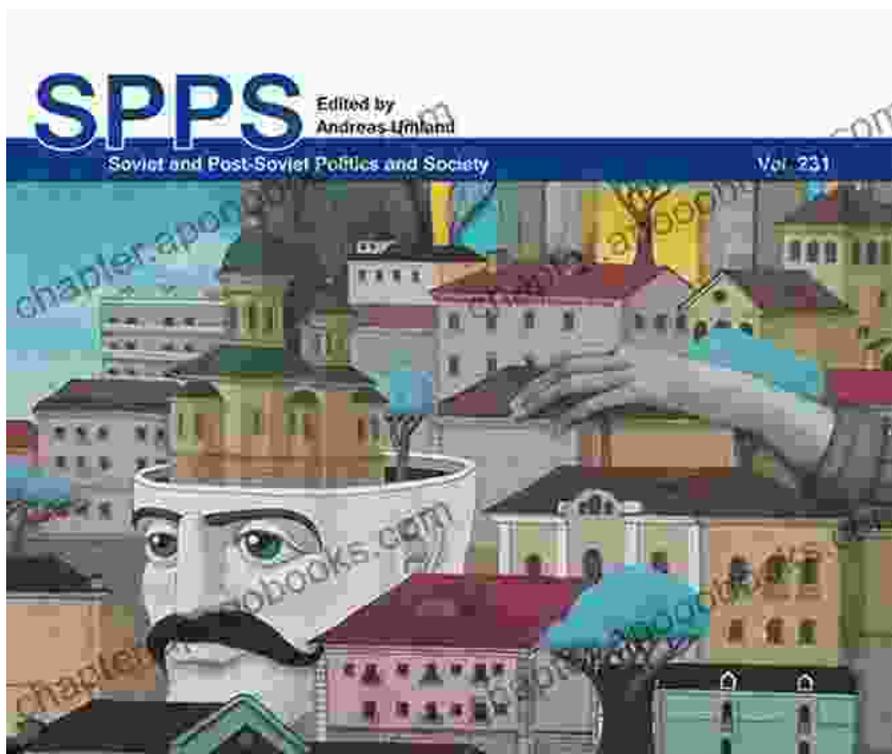
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Decommunization and Multivocality in Post-Euromaidan Ukraine

With a foreword by Juri Mykkänen

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In the annals of history, few ideological conflicts have shaped the destiny of a nation as profoundly as the clash between Lenin's communism and Bandera's Ukrainian nationalism. This book, "Between Lenin and Bandera," delves into this tumultuous chapter of Ukraine's past, exploring the profound impact of these ideologies on the country's political landscape, social fabric, and cultural identity.

Chapter 1: Lenin and the Rise of Communism

The chapter opens with an examination of Lenin's rise to power and the establishment of the Soviet Union. Lenin's ideology, based on Marxist principles, emphasized the abolition of private property, the redistribution of wealth, and the establishment of a classless society. This chapter analyzes the impact of Lenin's policies on Ukraine, including the collectivization of agriculture, the suppression of dissent, and the forced Russification of the Ukrainian language and culture.

Chapter 2: Bandera and the Ukrainian Nationalist Movement

In contrast to Lenin's internationalist vision, Stepan Bandera emerged as the leader of the Ukrainian nationalist movement. Bandera advocated for Ukraine's independence from both Russian and Polish rule. This chapter explores the origins of Ukrainian nationalism, the formation of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN),and Bandera's role in leading the resistance against foreign occupation.

Chapter 3: The Clash of Ideologies

The third chapter delves into the direct confrontation between Lenin's communism and Bandera's nationalism. It examines the Ukrainian famine of 1932-1933, known as the Holodomor, which was orchestrated by the Soviet regime to crush Ukrainian independence aspirations. The chapter also analyzes the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA),led by Bandera's followers, and its armed resistance against both the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany during World War II.

Chapter 4: The Legacy of Lenin and Bandera

The final chapter examines the enduring legacy of Lenin and Bandera in Ukraine. It explores the efforts of successive Ukrainian governments to grapple with the legacy of communism and nationalism, including the complex relationship between the two ideologies in contemporary Ukrainian politics. The chapter concludes with a reflection on the lessons learned from this historical clash and its implications for the future of Ukraine.

"Between Lenin and Bandera" is an essential read for anyone seeking to understand the complex history of Ukraine and the profound impact of ideologies on nation-building. Through a rigorous analysis of primary sources and historical evidence, this book sheds new light on this pivotal chapter of Ukrainian history and provides a valuable perspective on the ongoing debates surrounding communism and nationalism in Eastern Europe.
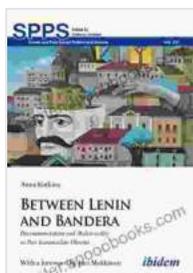
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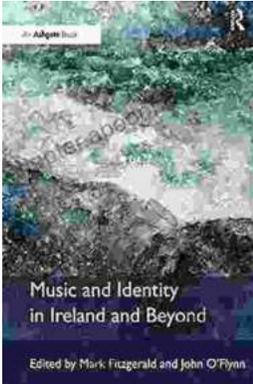
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