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### Abstract

The book "Energy Resources and Politics from the 19th to 21st Century" examines the strategic importance of energy resources for contemporary states and the claims over them during the 19th and 20th centuries. We follow the transition from the age of coal to the age of oil, Europe's attempt at energy self-sufficiency and the rally between Europe and the USA for exploiting oil resources in the East and the Ottoman Empire. We investigate how oil exploration affected the strategy of the parties involved in WW II, the post-war USA presence in the Middle East, the oil crisis in the '70s and its consequences. We consider the coal-to-oil ratio in Europe, the exploration of new sources of hydrocarbons, as well

as possible alternatives to the energy puzzle. We further analyze the policies of oil-producing countries, along with the geopolitics of oil and natural gas pipes. We examine the dependence of Europe on Russia with concern to hydrocarbons, the Ukraine-Russia conflict, the stance of Turkey and the inauguration of new oil-related wars in the Middle East. Concerning the Greek case, we examine the energy dependence of Greece, the exploitation of lignite and oil reserves, and issues relating to the EEZ and the energy policy, considering the Eastern Mediterranean's importance to Europe. Finally, the book takes an interest in current global antagonism instances and the energy policy of the USA and China.

