

A Sphinx On The American Land: The Nineteenth-century South In Comparative Perspective

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Martina De Moor, Leigh Shaw-Taylor and Paul Warde (eds), *The Management of Common Land in North West Europe, c. 1500–1850*, Brepols, Belgium, 2002. 261 pp. £42. 2 503 51273 9.

Social scientists and political scientists, most notably Ostrom (1990), Berkes (1989), Bromley (1992) and Curtis (1991), have produced evidence of sustained productive use of common-pool resources by virtue of the control and management systems employed. This, combined with empirical evidence on common grazing systems (for example Gupta (1986), Netting (1972, 1976, 1981 and 1982), McKean (1982 and 1986), Campbell and Godoy (1986) and Wade (1998)), provides sufficient evidence to counter the biologist Garrett Hardin's parable of the 'Tragedy of the Commons'. What then have the eight authors of this volume on post-medieval commons of north-west Europe contributed by linking their historical research to the 'Tragedy of the Commons' debate?

The editors claim that as the debate was predicated on a historical example, they are returning it into the historical domain where it has hitherto received little attention. More critically, they claim to bring greater balance to the 'pro-' and 'anti-' common property theses that, according to them, have been fairly uncritically absorbed by some historians studying the agrarian economy of early modern Europe. The relations of regulatory institutions, management strategies and types of resources are the areas of investigation. To evaluate and assess how systems altered over time they adopt Elinor Ostrom's eight design principles for sustainable long enduring common-pool resources, set out in her 1990 book *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. The presence, or absence, of these preconditions in turn is the criterion by which they set out to achieve an effective assessment of the 'success' or 'failure' of commons' management.

The introduction lays out the historiographical approaches to the management of common land, detailing the 'positive' view, that the resource influenced the property regime, and the 'negative' view, that the regime caused the state of the resource. Both of these views subsequently sparked the 'proletarianisation debate' and the 'Tragedy of the commons' debate. Lack of space here precludes dealing in detail with the findings of each contributor, but what emerges is a complex picture of the extent, nature and management of common lands. Their findings show that some form of court, whether under the control of lords, communes, municipalities or the community of commoners, was the norm, northern Sweden apart. Likewise, they show that the tools of the trade employed in managing common resources were, in most cases, similar but that the rationale and

A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective [Peter Kolchin] on lanueva105.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying.A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective (review); Journal of Interdisciplinary History As elsewhere, Kolchin in this book makes a strong case for the use of comparative history. In the first part, Kolchin compares the South to the North, or what he terms the "un-South.A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective. Front Cover Peter Kolchin. LSU Press, Apr 1.Christopher Morris; Peter Kolchin. A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective. (The Walter.Peter Kolchin. A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press.Peter Kolchin, A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State.ratings and 0 reviews. One reason that the South attracts so much interest is that its history inevitably involves bi. Read saving A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective.Afro-American Studies Faculty Publication Series. A sphinx on the American land : The nineteenth-century South in comparative perspective. M Sinha.A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective by Peter Kolchin. Article in The Journal of Southern History.Article A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth. Century South in Comparative Perspectives. James L. Peacock. Follow this and additional works at.Article. A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective by Peter Kolchin. The Arkansas Historical Quarterly ().The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective Peter Kolchin. comparative lens from slave treatment to the slaves themselves, exploring such topics.Interpreting Southern Reconstruction in Comparative Perspective, in The and A Sphinx on the American Land: The NineteenthCentury South in Comparative.Still, slavery, the most troubling aspect of the Old South, cannot easily be consigned to the forever-gone past. American Land: The Nineteenth Century South in Comparative Perspective (Baton Kolchin, Sphinx on the American Land, 4.A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective. By Peter Kolchin. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press.A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Com- parative The three essays in the comparative history of the South that con- stitute this book point of view of black southerners, the abolitionists were "prosouthern". (p .Peter Kolchin,A Sphinx on the American Land:The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective (Baton Rough:Louisiana State University Press,); A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective (Louisiana State University Press,); American Slavery.A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, Koppelman.Kolchin, A Sphinx on the American Land: The

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