

**MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS IN RUSSIA:  
A SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE**

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**Abstract** This paper focuses on the management of environmental risks, discussing the theoretical basis and the results of a research carried out in late '90s in the Russian Federation (Crotty & Al. 2004) – a country experiencing an interesting but difficult transition from planned to market economy and reconsidering its overall institutional system at every level. The study analyses the environmental situation in two contrasting Oblasts (Chelyabinsk, South Ural, and Nizhny Novgorod, Volga-Vyatka), considering the role of industrial managers, public institutions and non-governmental organizations, as well as their interaction.