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The monograph is the result of an investigation into the society of the most famous region in the history of Ukraine, which consisted of Kyiv, Podillia, Volyn, Poltava, Chernihiv, and Kharkiv (Slobozhanshchyna) provinces in the mid-second half of the 19th century. The author proposes to call this former "heartland" of Ukraine "Forest-Steppe Ukraine," similar to the name adopted in archaeology. The study's novelty lies in the regional approach and the emphasis on the statistical variety of historical sources. What results does the researcher present to the readers? They are atypical for classical Ukrainian historiography: a multidimensional statistical model of the demographic potential of Forest-Steppe Ukraine in the middle of the 19th century: a regional spatial-dynamic model of adverse changes in the provision of agricultural resources to the population from the mid-1840s to the end of the 1890s; multidimensional statistical model of the social situation in the region; statistical classification and typology of urban settlements in the area in the early 1860s; dynamic statistical model of the ethnic composition of the Right-Bank subregion in the second half of the 19th century and the region as a whole according to the 1897 Census; the issue of the state of health and the health care system in the Forest-Steppe provinces of Ukraine using statistical data; a multidimensional statistical model that reflects the ethnic composition of the leading professions in the region at the end of the 19th century. All models are built on the same source base using the same methods, making the obtained results comparable in regional and interregional studies.

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