Record Nr. UNINA9910136606903321 Autore Mann Itamar **Titolo** Humanity at sea: maritime migration and the foundations of international law / / Itamar Mann [[electronic resource]] New York: ,: Cambridge University Press, , 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-316-78433-9 1-316-78625-0 1-316-78657-9 1-316-78689-7 1-316-60265-6 1-316-56310-3 1-316-78817-2 1-316-78721-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xii, 244 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Collana Cambridge studies in international and comparative law Disciplina 341.4/86 Soggetti Refugees - Legal status, laws, etc Boat people - Legal status, laws, etc International law and human rights Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 06 Sep 2016). Introduction: humanity washed ashore -- Flagless vessel -- What is a Nota di contenuto human rights claim? -- What is a human rights commitment? --Between moral blackmail and moral risk -- The place where we stand -- Imagination and the human rights encounter -- Conclusion: the dual foundation of international law -- Postscript. Sommario/riassunto This interdisciplinary study engages law, history, and political theory in a first attempt to crystallize the lessons the global 'refugee crisis' can teach us about the nature of international law. It connects the dots between the actions of Jewish migrants to Palestine after WWII. Vietnamese 'boatpeople', Haitian refugees seeking to reach Florida, Middle Eastern migrants and refugees bound to Australia, and Syrian refugees currently crossing the Mediterranean, and then legal responses by states and international organizations to these

movements. Through its account of maritime migration, the book proposes a theory of human rights modelled around an encounter between individuals in which one of the parties is at great risk. It weaves together primary sources, insights from the work of twentieth-century thinkers such as Hannah Arendt and Emmanuel Levinas, and other legal materials to form a rich account of an issue of increasing global concern.