Record Nr. UNINA9910156185303321 Autore Kennedy Paul Titolo Vampire Capitalism: Fractured Societies and Alternative Futures / / by Paul Kennedy London:,: Palgrave Macmillan UK:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2017 **ISBN** 9781137552662 1137552662 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XIII, 355 p.) 305 Disciplina Soggetti Social structure Equality **Economics** Social Structure Political Economy and Economic Systems Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction: Capitalist-modernity in question -- 2. The Rise of Vampire Capitalism (and not a slaver in sight) -- 3. The Roots of Vampire Capitalism -- 4. Living with twenty-first century capitalism --5. The Juggernaut of science and technology: friend or foe? -- 6. Individualization and the cultures of capitalism -- 7. Global capitalism and the biosphere: Our future in jeopardy -- 8. Does Capitalism have a future -- 9. Alternatives: Exploring Possibilities. This book argues that in recent decades an unrestrained vampire-Sommario/riassunto capitalism has emerged, disengaged from the needs of citizens and

This book argues that in recent decades an unrestrained vampire-capitalism has emerged, disengaged from the needs of citizens and workers, leading to a deepening of social class, generational, gender, educational and ethnic divisions. The author explores how our cultural obsession with self-realization undermines our capacity for collective action and ability to confront threats such as climate change and the impact of the rapid advance of technology on labour. Drawing on sociology and political economy as well as worldwide case studies, the chapters interrogate how we arrived at these dilemmas and how we might escape them through establishing alternative social economies.

Vampire Capitalism will be of interest to students and scholars across a range of disciplines, including sociology, social theory, globalisation studies, development studies, political economy, geography, politics and social policy.