1. Record Nr. UNINA9910213825203321 Autore Fowler Josephine Titolo Japanese and Chinese immigrant activists: organizing in American and international Communist movements, 1919-1933 / / Josephine Fowler New Brunswick, N.J., : Rutgers University Press, c2007 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786611092603 0978813543543 1-281-09260-6 0-8135-4354-1 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (289 p.) Disciplina 324.273/75089951 Soggetti Japanese Americans - Politics and government Chinese Americans - Politics and government Immigrants - Political activity - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 207-262) and index. Nota di contenuto Origins and beginnings -- Historical background -- Study groups, the Oriental Branch, and "hands-off China" demonstrations -- From the top down -- "The red capital of the great bolshevik republic" -- Advancing bolshevism from Moscow outward and back and forth across the Pacific -- From the bottom up -- From East to West and West to East -- Leftwing Chinese immigrant activists -- Chinese workers in America --Formation of the Oriental Branch of the ILD. Sommario/riassunto Japanese and Chinese immigrants in the United States have traditionally been characterized as hard workers who are hesitant to involve themselves in labor disputes or radical activism. How then does one explain the labor and Communist organizations in the Asian immigrant communities that existed from coast to coast between 1919 and 1933? Their organizers and members have been, until now, largely absent from the history of the American Communist movement. In Japanese and Chinese Immigrant Activists, Josephine Fowler brings us the first in-depth account of Japanese and Chinese immigrant radicalism inside the United States and across the Pacific. Drawing on multilingual

correspondence between left-wing and party members and other

primary sources, such as records from branches of the Japanese Workers Association and the Chinese Nationalist Party, Fowler shows how pressures from the Comintern for various sub-groups of the party to unite as an "American" working class were met with resistance. The book also challenges longstanding stereotypes about the relationships among the Communist Party in the United States, the Comintern, and the Soviet Party.