Record Nr. UNINA9910252706203321 Autore Pai Iris Erh-Ya **Titolo** Sexual Identity and Lesbian Family Life: Lesbianism, Patriarchalism and the Asian Family in Taiwan / / by Iris Erh-Ya Pai Pubbl/distr/stampa Singapore:,: Springer Singapore:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan,, 2017 **ISBN** 981-10-4005-2 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XVII, 285 p. 2 illus.) Collana Gender, Sexualities and Culture in Asia, , 2662-7884 306.850951249 Disciplina Soggetti Sociology Ethnology—Asia Social groups **Family Gender Studies** Asian Culture Sociology of Family, Youth and Aging Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references at the end of each chapters and index. Women in Taiwanese Families— A Personal History -- Western Theories Nota di contenuto on Same-sex Intimacies -- Methodology -- Individual Sexual Stories --Lesbian Daughters in Their Families -- Relationships over Time --Egalitarian Lesbian Relationships? -- Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto This new book illustrates how Taiwanese lesbians negotiate their lives outside patriarchal families, while seeking varying ways to maintain working relationships with their families of origin, as their notion of family distinguishes them from same sex couples in other countries. This ambivalence has a strong influence on their relational decisions as they deal with contradictions between family ties, filial piety and lesbianism. Based on individual and couple interviews with selfidentified lesbian couples in stable relationships, the book offers vivid

> narratives of different ways in which Taiwanese lesbians have been able to make sense of their families without recognition by legislation or their families of origin. Specific issues in Taiwan raised in the book

challenge the taken-for-granted understandings of same-sex relationships and review the dramatic transformations that have profoundly changed womens' position. It also offers a sensitive analysis of GLBT issues and heteronormativity, arguing that Chinese familialism can cohabite with lesbianism in the context of contemporary Taiwan. .