Record Nr. UNINA9910255241003321 Autore Stuit Hanneke Titolo Ubuntu Strategies: Constructing Spaces of Belonging in Contemporary South African Culture / / by Hanneke Stuit Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Palgrave Macmillan US:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan,, 2016 **ISBN** 1-137-58009-7 Edizione [1st ed. 2016.] 1 online resource (246 p.) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 306.0968 Soggetti Ethnology—Africa Cultural studies African literature **Ethnicity** Philosophy, Asian African Culture **Cultural Studies** African Literature **Ethnicity Studies** Non-Western Philosophy 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 and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction Ubuntu Unchained: A Travelling Concept -- 1 Ubuntu and Common Humanity in the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission -- 2 Ubuntu in Transit: From Divisive Pasts to Open Futures -- 3 Facing Others: Towards an Ethics of Ubuntu -- 4 "The Ubuntu Strategy": The Commodification and Affective Politics of Ubuntu -- Afterword: Ubuntu Security. Sommario/riassunto This book examines the ways in which ubuntu is continuously shaped and reshaped in different media in contemporary South African culture. such as literature, photography, cartoon art, journalistic fiction, and

commercial television. It also studies ubuntu's recent global

dissemination and commodification, and critically assesses various approaches to ubuntu from different disciplines. From these various uses, ubuntu emerges as a powerful tool for thinking through problems

of social in- and exclusion, and provides a nuanced perspective on what it means to strive for social harmony and communal unity. Ubuntu Strategies attends to the cultural production of ubuntu and argues that it is not just about being part of a common humanity, but also involves strategic decisions that balance self and other, particular and universal, local and global, difference and sameness, as well as violence and safety. The literary and cultural theoretical approach offered in Ubuntu Strategies thus provides a new perspective that addresses the role of representation in ubuntu, both supplementing and challenging legal and political inquiries of the concept.