Record Nr. UNINA9910299643303321 Autore Novak Mikayla Titolo Inequality: An Entangled Political Economy Perspective / / by Mikayla Novak Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2018 **ISBN** 3-319-89417-X Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XI, 262 p. 5 illus.) Collana Palgrave Studies in Classical Liberalism, , 2662-6470 338.9 Disciplina Soggetti Economic policy Political economy Schools of economics Development economics Law and economics **Economic Policy** International Political Economy **Heterodox Economics Development Economics** Law and Economics Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction -- Part I: Theoretical Foundations -- Chapter 2: Entangled political economy: A general introduction -- Chapter 3: Explaining inequality in an entangled political economy -- Part II: Case Studies -- Chapter 4: Taxation and expenditure policies -- Chapter 5: Regulatory policies -- Chapter 6: Social exclusion -- Part III: Reforms -- Chapter 7: Economic constitutionalism and inequality -- Chapter 8: A society of dignified equals and inequality -- Chapter 9: Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto 'This book is a thoroughly researched and well written exploration of one of the most divisive topics in modern democratic discourse. Novak brings careful and clear thinking to a topic too often clouded in emotion and guided by moral intuition. '-Peter Boettke, Professor of Economics and Philosophy, George Mason University, USA 'Inequality

has bred a climate of hostile political discourse reminiscent of the cold

war. In this lucid book, Novak explains how we can transcend that hostility by recognizing the deeply entangled character of politics and economics within modern societies.' —Richard E. Wagner, Hobart R. Harris Professor of Economics, George Mason University, USA 'Mikayla Novak has provided a bold new intellectual foundation for social policy analysis.' —Jason Potts, Professor of Economics, RMIT University, Australia In recent years the degree of income and wealth inequality within developed countries has been raised as a central issue in economic and social policy debates. Numerous figures across diverse ideological affinities have advocated policy measures to significantly alter income and wealth distributions, while the inequality debate has become infused with other subjects such as social justice and identity politics. This book presents an account of economic inequality from a contemporary classical liberal perspective. Inequality is seen as a byproduct of entangled relationships within society, bringing to the fore key ideas from complexity, evolutionary and network sciences. Novak illustrates that inequality is problematic insofar as it generates pro-rich redistribution and constrains progress by the less well off. Economic inequality has important links with issues such as fiscal and regulatory policies, discrimination and social exclusion, and institutional design. This unique book is important reading for social science academics, policy makers and people interested in exploring the dimensions and solutions to inequality, a critical issue of our time. Mikayla Novak is Postdoctoral Research Fellow at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. Novak is recognised as one of Australia's leading economists in the classical liberal philosophical tradition. She has been a prolific contributor to Australian public policy debates, having written over 240 newspaper opinion articles on economic and social issues.