Record Nr. UNINA9910300013403321 Autore He Qiliang Titolo Feminism, Women's Agency, and Communication in Early Twentieth-Century China: The Case of the Huang-Lu Elopement / / by Qiliang He Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham: .: Springer International Publishing: .: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2018 **ISBN** 3-319-89692-X Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XVI, 299 p. 10 illus.) Collana Chinese Literature and Culture in the World, , 2945-7262 Disciplina 809.5 Soggetti Oriental literature Sex Ethnology - Asia Culture Motion pictures - Asia Asian Literature Gender Studies Asian Culture Asian Film and TV Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 0: Introduction -- Chapter 1: In Search of Women's Agency in Everyday Life: The Construction of the Huang-Lu Love Affair in the Press -- Chapter 2: The Trials of Lu Genrong: The Criminal Law Reform and Women's Agency in Late 1920s China -- Chapter 3: Polysemy: Discussions and Debates on the Huang-Lu Love Affair -- Chapter 4: Polyphony: Vernacularized Feminisms and the Urban Network of Communication -- Chapter 5: Vernacularization as Global and Local Experiences: The Huang-Lu Affair in Film and Literature -- Chapter 6: Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto Feminism, Women's Agency, and Communication in Early Twentieth-Century China focuses on a sensational elopement in the Yangzi Delta in the late 1920s to explore how middle- and lower-class members of

society gained access to and appropriated otherwise alien and abstract enlightenment theories and idioms about love, marriage, and family.

Via a network of communications that connected people of differing socioeconomic and educational backgrounds, non-elite women were empowered to display their new womanhood and thereby exercise their self-activating agency to mount resistance to China's patriarchal system. Qiliang He's text also investigates the proliferation of antifeminist conservatisms in legal practice, scholarly discourses, media, and popular culture in the early Nanjing Decade (1927-1937). Utilizing a framework of interdisciplinary scholarship, this book traverses various fields such as legal history, women's history, popular culture/media studies, and literary studies to explore urban discourse and communication in 1920s China.