Record Nr. UNINA9910300497303321 Autore Vasciannie Lisa Ann Titolo International Election Observation in the Commonwealth Caribbean: Race, Aid and Democratization / / by Lisa Ann Vasciannie Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2018 **ISBN** 3-319-59069-3 Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] 1 online resource (XI, 224 p.) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 324.6 Soggetti Elections Democracy Latin America—Politics and government Comparative politics Regionalism International organization **Electoral Politics** Latin American Politics Comparative Politics International Organization Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Formato Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction -- 2. International Election Observation: Context and Definitions -- 3. The Challenges of Observation: Procedural, Legal and Logistical Issues -- 4. Election Observation in the Caribbean -- 5. Electoral Politics in Guyana -- 6. Election Observation in Guyana: A Case Study of the Commonwealth Caribbean -- 7. Election Observation in the Caribbean: Trends and Outcomes. Sommario/riassunto This book examines the practice of international election observation in a Caribbean context. It presents a survey of the Commonwealth Caribbean perspective and a concise case study of Guyana between 1964 and 2015. This research traces the roots of election observation and how this practice became integrated into the landscape of Caribbean electoral politics. More specifically, the study examines the

process by which election observers have become key actors in

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