

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910349542503321
Autore	Catana Leo
Titolo	Late Ancient Platonism in Eighteenth-Century German Thought // by Leo Catana
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cham : , : Springer International Publishing : , : Imprint : Springer, , 2019
ISBN	3-030-20511-8
Edizione	[1st ed. 2019.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (VIII, 175 p.)
Collana	International Archives of the History of Ideas Archives internationales d'histoire des idées, , 2215-0307 ; ; 227
Disciplina	180-190 184
Soggetti	Philosophy - History Protestantism Philosophy, Ancient Europe - History - 1492- Historiography History - Methodology History of Philosophy Protestantism and Lutheranism Ancient Philosophy / Classical Philosophy History of Early Modern Europe Historiography and Method
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di contenuto	1. From Persona to Systema: Heumann's Dethronement of Porphyry's Vita Plotini and the Biographical Model in History of Philosophy -- 2. The Origin of the Division between Middle Platonism and Neoplatonism -- 3. Changing Interpretations of Plotinus: The Eighteenth-Century Introduction of the Concept of a 'System of Philosophy -- 4. Thomas Taylor's Dissent from Some Eighteenth-Century Views on Platonic Philosophy: The Ethical and Theological Context.
Sommario/riassunto	This work synthesizes work previously published in leading journals in the field into a coherent narrative that has a distinctive focus on

Germany while also being aware of a broader European dimension. It argues that the German Lutheran Christoph August Heumann (1681-1764) marginalized the biographical approach to past philosophy and paved the way for the German Lutheran Johann Jacob Brucker's (1696-1770) influential method for the writing of past philosophy, centred on depersonalised and abstract systems of philosophy. The work offers an authoritative and engaging account of how late ancient Platonism, Plotinus in particular, was interpreted in eighteenth-century Germany according to these new precepts. Moreover, it reveals the Lutheran religious assumptions of this new approach to past philosophy, which underpinned the works of Heumann and Brucker, but also influential reviews that rejected the English Plato translator Thomas Taylor (1758-1835) and his understanding and evaluation of late ancient Platonism.
