Record Nr. UNINA9910367638903321 Autore Tanaka Stefan Titolo History without chronology / / Stefan Tanaka Pubbl/distr/stampa Amherst, Massachusetts:,: Lever Press,, [2019] ©2019 **ISBN** 9781643150048 1643150049 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Classificazione HIS000000 Soggetti History - Philosophy Chronology, Historical Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Title from eBook information screen.. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Time has a history -- History has a history -- Heterogeneous pasts --Change and history. Sommario/riassunto Although numerous disciplines recognize multiple ways of conceptualizing time, Stefan Tanaka argues that scholars still overwhelmingly operate on chronological and linear Newtonian or classical time that emerged during the Enlightenment. This short, approachable book implores the humanities and humanistic social sciences to actively embrace the richness of different times that are evident in non-modern societies and have become common in several scientific fields throughout the twentieth century. Tanaka first offers a history of chronology by showing how the social structures built on

clocks and calendars gained material expression. Tanaka then proposes that we can move away from this chronology by considering how contemporary scientific understandings of time might be adapted to reconceive the present and pasts. This opens up a conversation that allows for the possibility of other ways to know about and re-present pasts. A multiplicity of times will help us broaden the historical horizon by embracing the heterogeneity of our lives and world via rethinking the complex interaction between stability, repetition, and change. This history without chronology also allows for incorporating the

affordances of digital media.