Record Nr. UNINA9910370053303321 Autore Koerner Catherine Titolo Governance and Multiculturalism: The White Elephant of Social Construction and Cultural Identities / / by Catherine Koerner, Soma Pillay Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2020 3-030-23740-0 ISBN Edizione [1st ed. 2020.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (289 pages) Disciplina 305.800994 Soggetti Ethnology Culture Ethnicity Racism in the social sciences Social Anthropology Sociology of Culture **Ethnicity Studies** Sociology of Racism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction -- 2. Debating the nation: dealing with difference and incommensurability -- 3. The (white) elephant in the room: cultural identities and Indigenous Sovereignty in Australia -- 4. Methodological insights -- 5. Conceptualising cultural identity: the great divide -- 6. "We're multicultural mate!" Understanding Multiculturalism in Australia -- 7. Policy, Practice and Legislative Matters -- 8. Concluding Remarks. Sommario/riassunto A key intervention in the growing critical literature on race, this volume examines the social construction of race in contemporary Australia through the lenses of Indigenous sovereignty, nationhood, and whiteness. Informed by insights from white Australians in rural contexts, Koerner and Pillay attempt to answer how race shapes those

who identify as white Australian; how those who self-identify thusly relate to the nation, multiculturalism, and Indigenous Sovereignties;

and how white Australians understand and experience their own racialized position and its privilege. This "insider perspective" on the continuing construction of whiteness in Australia is analyzed and challenged through Indigenous Sovereign theoretical standpoints and voices. Ultimately, this investigation of the social construction of race not only extends conceptualizations of multiculturalism, but also informs governance policy in the light of changing national identity.