Record Nr. UNINA9910426049303321 Autore Chambon Michel Titolo Making Christ present in China: actor-network theory and the anthropology of Christianity / / Michel Chambon Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham, Switzerland:,: Palgrave Macmillan,, [2020] ©2020 **ISBN** 3-030-55605-0 Edizione [1st ed. 2020.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Disciplina 303.01 Christianity - China - Nanping Shi Soggetti Anthropology of religion - China - Nanping Shi Actor-network theory Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction -- Chapter 2: Building Churches on Chinese Soil -- Chapter 3: Chanting and Listening Together in the Face of the Lord -- Chapter 4: Revealing the Church through Elderly Care --Chapter 5: Giving Thanks to God: Thanksgiving in the Gospel Church -- Chapter 6: The Bloody Business of Christian Conversion -- Chapter 7: Conclusion - The Tree of Life. An anthropological theorization of the unity and diversity of Sommario/riassunto Christianity, this book focuses on Christian communities in Nanping, a small city in China. It applies methodological insights from Actor-Network Theory to investigate how the Christian God is made part of local social networks. The study examines how Christians interact with and re-define material objects, such as buildings, pews, offerings, and blood, in order to identify the kind of networks and non-human actors that they collectively design. By comparing local Christian traditions with other practices informing the Nanping religious landscape, the study points out potential cohesion via the centralizing presence of the

Christian God, the governing nature of the pastoral clergy, and the

semi-transcendent being of the Church. .