Record Nr. UNINA9910433235803321 Autore Dawes Antonia Lucia Titolo Race talk: languages of racism and resistance in Neapolitan street markets / / Antonia Lucia Dawes Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester University Press, 2020 Manchester, UK:,: Manchester University Press,, 2020 ©2020 **ISBN** 9781526138484 1526138484 9781526138477 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xii, 208 pages): illustrations (black and white); digital file(s) Racism, resistance and social change Collana Disciplina 305.800945731 Soggetti Cultural pluralism - Italy - Naples Ethnic attitudes - Italy - Naples Racism in language Naples (Italy) Ethnic relations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Talk and the transcultural in Naples -- 2. Mapping culture, communication and social change -- 3. Talk about talking and not talking -- 4. Multilingual market cries -- 5. Pavement banter and catcalls -- 6. Verbal infrapolitical styles -- 7. Speaking back to power -- 8. The cultural languages of the people -- Bibliography -- Index. Sommario/riassunto Race talk is about language use as an anti-racist practice in multicultural city spaces. The book contends that attention to talk reveals the relations of domination and subordination in heterogeneous, ethnically diverse and multilingual contexts, while also helping us to understand how transcultural solidarity might be expressed. Drawing on original ethnographic research conducted on licensed and unlicensed market stalls in in heterogeneous, ethnically diverse and multilingual contexts, this book examines the centrality of multilingual talk to everyday struggles about difference, positionality

and entitlement. In these street markets, Neapolitan street vendors

work alongside documented and undocumented migrants from Bangladesh, China, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal as part of an ambivalent, cooperative and unequal quest to survive and prosper. As austerity, anti-immigration politics and urban regeneration projects encroached upon the possibilities of street vending, talk across linguistic, cultural, national and religious boundaries underpinned the collective action of street vendors struggling to keep their markets open. The edginess of their multilingual organisation offered useful insights into the kinds of imaginaries that will be needed to overcome the politics of borders, nationalism and radical incommunicability.