Record Nr. UNINA9910438360503321 Autore Woermann Minka Titolo On the (Im)Possibility of Business Ethics: Critical Complexity, Deconstruction, and Implications for Understanding the Ethics of Business / / by Minka Woermann Dordrecht:,: Springer Netherlands:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-74220-9 94-007-5131-1 Edizione [1st ed. 2013.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (187 p.) Collana Issues in Business Ethics, , 2215-1680;; 37 Disciplina 170 174.4 Soggetti **Ethics** Management Graph theory Strategic planning Leadership Philosophy Education - Philosophy Moral Philosophy and Applied Ethics **Graph Theory** Business Strategy and Leadership **Educational Philosophy** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Preface -- Part I Theoretical foundation -- 1. Towards a postmodern Nota di contenuto understanding of business ethics. - 2. The ethics of complexity and the complexity of ethics -- 3. Introducing a deconstructive ethics. - 4. 'Virtues' for a complex world -- Part II Practical application 5. Reconsidering the meaning of corporate social responsibility --6. Towards a theory and model of corporate social responsibility and implications for management and leadership practices.-7. Implications for teaching business ethics -- Index.

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complex, with changing multiple dimensions, and an inherent capacity to evolve qualitatively. A central premise of this study is that a postmodern reading of ethics represents an expression of, and an engagement with, the ethical complexities that define the business landscape. In particular, the deconstructive philosophy of Jacques Derrida offers a non-trivial reading of a complex notion of ethics, and thereby helps us to develop the skills necessary to critique and intervene in our practices, and to develop robust strategies for living in the absence of prescriptive ethical frameworks. Although a central premise of this study is that substantive ethical claims can only be generated within a given context, the study nevertheless presents readers with a meta-position that illustrates the type of considerations that should inform ethical reflection from a complexity perspective. In order to illustrate the value that this meta-position holds for business ethics, these considerations are explored in terms of the implications that they hold for our understanding of corporate social responsibility, for the practice of responsible management and leadership practices, and for teaching business ethics.