Record Nr. UNINA9910450525903321 Autore Schroeder Jeanne Lorraine Titolo The triumph of Venus [[electronic resource]]: the erotics of the market // Jeanne L. Schroeder Berkeley, : University of California Press, 2004 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-35684-4 9786612356841 0-520-92885-7 1-59734-965-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (328 p.) Collana Philosophy, social theory, and the rule of law;; 10 Disciplina 340/.115 Law and economics - Psychological aspects - Philosophy Soggetti Sociological jurisprudence Feminist jurisprudence Economic man Utilitarianism Romanticism **Erotica** Venus (Roman deity) Electronic books. 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 Nota di contenuto Pandora's amphora: the eroticism of contract and gift -- Orpheus's desire: the end of the market -- Narcissus's death: the Calabresi-Melamed trichotomy -- The Midas touch: the lethal effect of wealth maximization -- The Eumenides' return: the founding of law through the repression of the feminine -- Epilogue: The birth of Venus. Sommario/riassunto The theory of law and economics that dominates American jurisprudence today views the market as rational and individuals as driven by the desire to increase their wealth. It is a view riddled with misconceptions, as Jeanne Lorraine Schroeder demonstrates in this challenging work, which looks at contemporary debates in legal theory

through the lens of psychoanalysis and continental philosophy.

Through metaphors drawn from classical mythology and interpreted via Lacanian psychoanalysis and Hegelian philosophy, Schroeder exposes the hidden and repressed erotics of the market. Her work shows how the predominant economic analysis of markets and the standard romantic critique of markets are in fact mirror images, reflecting the misconception that reason and passion are inalterably opposed.