Record Nr. UNINA9910454215503321 Autore **Duchene Alexandre Titolo** Ideologies across nations [[electronic resource]]: the construction of linguistic minorities at the United Nations / / by Alexandre Duchene Berlin; ; New York, : Mouton de Gruyter, c2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-281-99352-2 9786611993528 3-11-020831-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (296 p.) Collana Language, power, and social process, , 1861-4175; ; 23 Disciplina 341.4/85 Linguistic minorities - New York (State) - New York Soggetti Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [270]-279) and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Introduction -- Chapter 1. The protection of linguistic minorities as a field of inquiry -- Chapter 2. Discursive spaces and the protection of minorities: historical, institutional and ideological conditions of knowledge production -- Chapter 3. Production of discourse and institutional constraints: the search for objectivity -- Chapter 4. State divergences and the principle of universality: a protection through absence -- Chapter 5. Ambivalence, particularism and the reproduction of state interests: a limited protection -- Chapter 6. Institutional continuity, the management of paradoxes and state consensus: a controlled protection -- Chapter 7. Conclusion -- Backmatter The book is an invitation to a genealogical understanding of the Sommario/riassunto ideological and discursive processes that have emerged out of the regulation of linguistic minorities issues within an international context and, more precisely, at the United Nations. It highlights the contradictions, limits and possibilities in the elaboration of international measures within the universalist framework of human rights. The book also emphasizes the paradoxes between national interests and the elaboration of an international community paradoxes in which minority issues fundamentally question the

homogeneity of the state. It shows that despite the shift from national spaces to international ones, the fears of nation-states for linguistic minorities remain. Finally, the book reveals the importance of the reproduction of the interests of nation-states within an international organization and the reproduction of power through the legal management and regulation of minority rights in general, and those of linguistic minorities in particular. Through its presentation of the history of the United Nations, its vision of the protection of linguistic minorities, the underlying ideologies that have emerged, as well as the limits and possibilities of action, the book contributes to a better understanding of the complexity of the protection of linguistic minorities and the role of language ideologies within an international context.