Record Nr. UNINA9910454995303321 Autore Gopin Marc **Titolo** To make the earth whole [[electronic resource]]: the art of citizen diplomacy in an age of religious militancy / / Marc Gopin Lanham, Md., : Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, c2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-49721-9 9786612497216 0-7425-6631-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (240 p.) Disciplina 201/.72 Soggetti Violence - Religious aspects Conflict management - Religious aspects Interpersonal relations - Religious aspects Religion and international relations Conflict management - Syria Interpersonal relations - Syria Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Includes bibliographical references (p. 233-243) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto The state of religion, conflict, and peace: strategic foundations for building community in a militant time -- Religious power and the future of global society -- Networks that build a peaceful future: a new approach to incremental change -- On the road between Damascus and Jerusalem: a case study of citizen diplomacy -- Syria, 2006-2008: the transformation of relationship -- Confronting the ethical dilemmas of citizen diplomacy -- A global ethic of citizen diplomacy -- The future in our hands: citizens building a social contract across civilizations. Sommario/riassunto To Make the Earth Whole studies the art of citizen diplomacy_a process that can address clashes of religion and culture across regional lines even when traditional negotiations between governments can fail. While faith and regional differences have been sources of division around the

world in recent decades, millions of citizens are also creating bonds of friendship and collaboration that are forming the basis of a global

community. Drawing on the experiences gleaned from years practicing citizen diplomacy in some of the world's most politically charged climates, scholar-practitioner of conflict resolution and rabbi Marc Gopin describes his work in Syria as a central case study of the book. The author outlines the strategic basis for creating community across lines of enmity, the social network theory to explain how this happens, and the long term vision required for a progressive but inclusive global community that respects religious communities even as it limits their coercive power over others. This powerful and practical book outlines an incremental and evolutionary strategy of positive change that stands a strong chance of success, even in today's most conservative and repressive religious and political contexts. To Make the Earth Whole also examines the ethical challenges of citizen diplomacy from the perspectives of both Western and Eastern philosophies and religions. The world's wisdom traditions are essential in devising a way for citizens to develop the foundations for global community.