Record Nr. UNINA9910456781603321 Autore Gagnon Alain **Titolo** Federalism, citizenship, and Quebec: debating multinationalism / / Alain-G. Gagnon and Raffaele Iacovino Pubbl/distr/stampa Toronto, [Ontario];; Buffalo, [New York];; London, [England]:,: University of Toronto Press, , 2007 ©2007 **ISBN** 1-4426-8971-4 1-4426-8809-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (228 p.) 971 Disciplina Soggetti Citizenship - Canada Electronic books. Canada Politics and government Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- 1. Introduction: Exploring Multinationalism -- 2. Historical Foundations and Evolving Constitutional Orders: The Politics of Contestation in Quebec -- 3. The Federal Principle in Canada: Multifaceted Conceptions of Representation -- 4. Distinct 'National Models' of Integration: Establishing Contexts of Choice -- 5. Citizenship and Democracy: Negotiating Membership -- 6. Contemporary Challenges and the Future of Canada -- Notes -- Index Sommario/riassunto Canadians often imagine their country as a multicultural democracy, while a few go further to claim that the country's diversity can be characterized as multinational in its social and institutional make-up. In Federalism, Citizenship, and Quebec, Alain-G. Gagnon and Raffaele lacovino reveal how this notion has been falsely presented to the populace. Through comprehensive historical, contemporary, and critical accounts, they argue that the country has been the object of an aggressive nationalizing project that contravenes the principles of a

'multinational federation.' Gagnon and Iacovino defend a conception of diverse citizenship for Canada that is truly suitable to a durable and

just constitutional association and provide an alternative path for the country based on normative, socio-political, and practical considerations associated with multinational democracy.Including a detailed account of the main challenges associated with Quebec's place in the federation, Federalism, Citizenship, and Quebec stands apart from other English-language studies on multinational democracy, citizenship, and federalism, and, most notably, multinational democracy in Canada. Gagnon and Iacovino ground their work in both history and theory, offering a truly interdisciplinary approach that will appeal to scholars from fields as diverse as Canadian and Quebec politics, comparative politics, and political and legal theory. The book will contribute to awareness of the need for appreciating diversity in contemporary societies while being a useful addition to English Canadian students in these fields, who often lack exposure to many of the rich debates proceeding in Quebec.