Record Nr. UNINA9910457715903321 Autore Boylan Thomas A. Titolo Hahn and economic methodology / / Thomas A. Boylan, Paschal F. O'Gorman Abingdon, Oxon:,: Routledge,, 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-136-46202-3 **ISBN** 0-203-12734-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (183 p.) Collana Routledge frontiers of political economy Altri autori (Persone) O'GormanPaschal F <1943-> (Paschal Francis) Disciplina 330.1 Soggetti Economics - Methodology Economics - Mathematical models Equilibrium (Economics) Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Front Cover; Hahn and Economic Methodology; Copyright Page; Contents; Acknowledgements; 1. Introduction; 2. Hahn in context: an overview; 3. Hahn's hostility to methodology; 4. In defence of economic theorizing; 5. The core of neoclassical economics?; 6. Economics and axiomatization; 7. Kaldor and Hahn on equilibrium economics; 8. Economics, mathematics and rationality: a new grammarof argumentation?; 9. Economic theory and Hahn's virtues of understanding; Notes; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto Hahn on Methodology: The Quest for Understanding addresses two fundamental questions: (i) what is distinctive about economic theorising?; (ii) what is the cognitive value of the outcome of this activity of economic theorising, i.e. economic theory. We will argue that for Hahn, economic theorising is distinctive with respect to four dimensions. Firstly, the aim of economic theory is neither to describe nor explain the real economic world, as in the physical sciences. Rather the aim is to achieve objective, but non-scientific, understanding.

Secondly, the central question for economi