Record Nr. UNINA9910458555003321 Autore Venegas Cristina <1959-> **Titolo** Digital dilemmas [[electronic resource]]: the state, the individual, and digital media in Cuba / / Cristina Venegas New Brunswick, NJ,: Rutgers University Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-56235-5 9786612562358 0-8135-4910-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (248 p.) Collana New directions in international studies Disciplina 302.23/1097291 Mass media - Political aspects - Cuba Soggetti Digital media - Political aspects - Cuba Internet - Political aspects - Cuba Mass media policy - Cuba Social change - Cuba Mass media - Social aspects - Cuba Digital media - Social aspects - Cuba Internet - Social aspects - Cuba Electronic books. Cuba Politics and government 1990-Cuba Social conditions 1959-Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Acknowledgments --Acronyms -- Introduction -- 1. Inventing, Recycling, and Deploying Technologies -- 2. Media Technologies and "Cuban Democracy" -- 3. Tourism and the Social Ramifications of Media Technologies -- 4. Film Culture in the Digital Millennium -- 5. Digital Communities and the Pleasures of Technology -- Conclusion -- Notes -- Bibliography --Index -- About the author Sommario/riassunto The contentious debate in Cuba over Internet use and digital media primarily focuses on three issuesùmaximizing the potential for

economic and cultural development, establishing stronger ties to the

outside world, and changing the hierarchy of control. A growing number of users decry censorship and insist on personal freedom in accessing the web, while the centrally managed system benefits the government in circumventing U.S. sanctions against the country and in controlling what limited capacity exists. Digital Dilemmas views Cuba from the Soviet Union's demise to the present, to assess how conflicts over media access play out in their both liberating and repressive potential. Drawing on extensive scholarship and interviews, Cristina Venegas questions myths of how Internet use necessarily fosters global democracy and reveals the impact of new technologies on the country's governance and culture. She includes film in the context of broader media history, as well as artistic practices such as digital art and networks of diasporic communities connected by the Web. This book is a model for understanding the geopolitic location of power relations in the age of digital information sharing.