Record Nr. UNINA9910459921803321 Autore Cattaneo Carlo <1801-1869, > Titolo Civilization and democracy: the Salvemini anthology of Cattaneo's writings / / Carlo Cattaneo; edited and introduced by Carlo G. Lacaita and Filippo Sabetti; translated by David Gibbons Toronto, [Ontario];; Buffalo, [New York];; London, [England]:,: Pubbl/distr/stampa University of Toronto Press, , 2006 ©2006 **ISBN** 1-4426-2728-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (298 pages) Collana Lorenzo Da Ponte Italian Library Disciplina 945.08 World politics - 19th century Soggetti Electronic books. Italy Civilization 1789-1900 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Abbreviations of Cattaneo's Collected Works -- Introduction -- Carlo Cattaneo and Varieties of Liberalism / Lacaita, Carlo G. / Sabetti, Filippo --Cattaneo's Life and Work / Salvemini, Gaetano -- Selected writings --1. International Affairs -- 2. Public Economy -- 3. Education and Militia -- 4. Local Autonomy -- 5. The Social Question -- 6. Literature -- 7. Aspects of World History -- 8. The Risorgimento -- 9. Human Sciences -- References -- Index Sommario/riassunto Nineteenth-century Italy is a vast, unexplored territory in the history of modern political thought and liberal democratic theory. Apart from Mazzini, Pareto, and Mosca, the authors of this period are little read, even though their central concerns - the riddle of human liberation, progress, and liberty - are as important today as ever. This volume presents a selection of the writings of Carlo Cattaneo (1801-1869), one of the period's most important thinkers, as selected by an equally important personage of a subsequent time, the anti-Fascist intellectual Gaetano Salvemini. Cattaneo had a profound sense of the historical contingencies underlying the quest both to understand human affairs

and to realize a self-governing society. Cattaneo's ideas and framework

of analysis - like those of John Stuart Mill and Alexis de Tocqueville - were not shaped by a narrow intra-academic agenda but by the great social, economic, and political transformations of his time. The issues he addressed included problems of revolution, reform, and change in the passage to modernity, which extended far beyond the confines of nineteenth-century Italy. The selection of original pieces presented in this translation is preceded by an introduction by the editors, Carlo G. Lacaita and Filippo Sabetti, which guides the reader through Cattaneo's thinking and puts it in a comparative context. Ultimately, however, it is the editors' goal to let this profound Italian thinker speak for himself.