1. Record Nr. UNINA9910460314303321 Autore Butler Paula <1960-> Titolo Colonial extractions: race and Canadian mining in contemporary Africa // Paula Butler Pubbl/distr/stampa Toronto, [Ontario];; Buffalo, [New York];; London, [England]:,: University of Toronto Press, , 2015 ©2015 **ISBN** 1-4426-1995-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (397 p.) Disciplina 338.2096 Soggetti Mineral industries - Social aspects - Africa Mineral industries - Africa Electronic books. 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 -- Acronyms -- 1. Contemporary Canadian Mining: Colonial Continuities -- 2. Theorizing Canada's Twenty-First-Century Colonialist Mining Project -- 3. "I Hear the Rustling of Gold under My Feet": Mining, Race, and the Making of Canada -- 4. "Something from Nothing": Generating Wealth in the Racialized Mining Economy -- 5. Racial Rule: Resource Appropriation and the Rule of Law -- 6. Who Do We Say We Are? Narratives of Canadian Mining Professionals in African States -- 7. "I Wouldn't Glorify Them as Prospectors": Colonial Contact Zones and the Eradication of African "Artisanal" Miners -- 8. Refusing the "White Man's Burden":1 Investing in Colour-Blind Mining in Post-Apartheid South Africa -- 9. Conclusion: Imagining Decolonized Relations -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto Challenging Canada's image as a humane, enlightened global actor, Colonial Extractions examines the troubling racial logic that underpins Canadian mining operations in several African countries. Drawing on colonial, postcolonial, and critical race theory, Paula Butler investigates Canadian mining activities and the discourses which serve to legitimate

this work. Through a series of interviews with senior personnel of businesses with mining operations in Africa, Butler identifies a

continuation of the same colonialist mindset that saw resource ownership and racial dominance over Indigenous peoples in Canada as part of Canada's nation-building project. Financially, culturally, and psychologically, Canadians are invested in extracting resource-based wealth in the Global South, and – as Butler's analysis of Canada's influence over South Africa's first post-apartheid mining legislation shows – they look to legitimize that extraction through neoliberal legal frameworks and a powerful national myth of benevolence. Complementing analyses of the industry through political economy or critical development studies, Colonial Extractions is a powerful and unsettling critique of the cultural dimension of Canada's mining industry overseas.