1. Record Nr. UNINA9910465569803321 Autore Leshem Dotan Titolo The origins of neoliberalism: modeling the economy from Jesus to Foucault / / Dotan Leshem New York, [New York]:,: Columbia University Press,, 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2016 0-231-54174-0 **ISBN** Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (245 p.) Disciplina 330.01 Soggetti Economics - Religious aspects - Christianity Neoliberalism - Religious aspects - Christianity **Economics - History** Electronic books. 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 -- Acknowledgments -- Abbreviations --Introduction: Economy Before Christ -- 1. From Oikos to Ecclesia -- 2. Modeling the Economy -- 3. Economy and Philosophy -- 4. Economy and Politics -- 5. Economy and the Legal Framework -- 6. From Ecclesiastical to Market Economy -- Notes -- Works Cited -- Index Sommario/riassunto Dotan Leshem recasts the history of the West from an economic perspective, bringing politics, philosophy, and the economy closer together and revealing the significant role of Christian theology in shaping economic and political thought. He begins with early Christian treatment of economic knowledge and the effect of this interaction on ancient politics and philosophy. He then follows the secularization of the economy in liberal and neoliberal theory. Leshem draws on Hannah Arendt's history of politics and Michel Foucault's genealogy of economy and philosophy. He consults exegetical and apologetic tracts, homilies and eulogies, manuals and correspondence, and Church canons and creeds to trace the influence of the economy on Christian orthodoxy.

Only by relocating the origins of modernity in Late Antiquity, Leshem argues, can we confront the full effect of the neoliberal marketized economy on contemporary societies. Then, he proposes, a new political

philosophy that re-secularizes the economy will take shape and transform the human condition.