Record Nr. UNINA9910467880603321 Autore Dzenovska Dace Titolo School of Europeanness: tolerance and other lessons in political liberalism in Latvia / / Dace Dzenovska Pubbl/distr/stampa Ithaca, New York; ; London, [England]: ,: Cornell University Press, , 2018 ©2018 **ISBN** 1-5017-1683-2 1-5017-1686-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Disciplina 320.51094796 Soggetti Liberalism - Latvia Toleration - Political aspects - Latvia Minorities - Latvia Post-communism - Latvia Electronic books. Latvia Politics and government 1991-**Europe Relations Latvia** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Previously issued in print: 2018. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- Acknowledgments --Nota di contenuto Introduction. Paradox of Europeanness -- 1. Pride and Shame -- 2. The State People and Their Minorities -- 3. Knowing Subjects and Partial Understandings -- 4. Building Up and Tearing Down -- 5. Language Sacred and Language Injurious -- 6. Repression and Redemption --Epilogue -- Notes -- References -- Index Sommario/riassunto In School of Europeanness, Dace Dzenovska argues that Europe's political landscape is shaped by a fundamental tension between the need to exclude and the requirement to profess and institutionalize the value of inclusion. Nowhere, Dzenovska writes, is this tension more glaring than in the former Soviet Republics. Using Latvia as a representative case. School of Europeanness is a historical ethnography

of the tolerance work undertaken in that country as part of postsocialist democratization efforts. Dzenovska contends that the collapse of

socialism and the resurgence of Latvian nationalism gave this Europewide logic new life, simultaneously reproducing and challenging it. Her work makes explicit what is only implied in the 1977 Kraftwerk song, "Europe Endless": hierarchies prevail in European public and political life even as tolerance is touted by politicians and pundits as one of Europe's chief virtues. School of Europeanness shows how post-Cold War liberalization projects in Latvia contributed to the current crisis of political liberalism in Europe, providing deep ethnographic analysis of the power relations in Latvia and the rest of Europe, and identifying the tension between exclusive polities and inclusive values as foundational of Europe's political landscape.