1. Record Nr. UNINA9910476794903321 Autore Kinyanjui Mary Njeri **Titolo** African Markets and the Utu-buntu Business Model: a perspective on economic informality in Nairobi / / Mary Njeri Kinyanjui Cape Town, South Africa:,: African Minds,, 2019 Pubbl/distr/stampa Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xiv, 185 pages) 330 Disciplina Soggetti Informal sector (Economics) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Traders and artisans in global economic thinking -- Urban planning and economic informality in Nairobi -- Urban theory and the 'African metropolis' -- The indigenisation of Nairobi -- The 'African metropolis' in Nairobi -- The utu-ubuntu business model -- Utu-ubuntu nests, bonds and associations -- Towards the formation of autonomous communities -- Cultural villages. The persistence of indigenous African markets in the context of a Sommario/riassunto hostile or neglectful business and policy environment makes them worthy of analysis. An investigation of Afrocentric business ethics is long overdue. Attempting to understand the actions and efforts of

hostile or neglectful business and policy environment makes them worthy of analysis. An investigation of Afrocentric business ethics is long overdue. Attempting to understand the actions and efforts of informal traders and artisans from their own points of view, and analysing how they organise and get by, allows for viable approaches to be identified to integrate them into global urban models and cultures. Using the utu-ubuntu model to understand the activities of traders and artisans in Nairobi's markets, this book explores how, despite being consistently excluded and disadvantaged, they shape urban spaces in and around the city, and contribute to its development as a whole. With immense resilience, and without discarding their own socio-cultural or economic values, informal traders and artisans have created a territorial complex that can be described as the African metropolis. African Markets and the Utu-buntu Business Model sheds light on the ethics and values that underpin the work of traders and artisans in Nairobi, as well as their resilience and positive impact on urbanisation. This book

makes an important contribution to the discourse on urban economics