Record Nr. UNINA9910483373803321 Autore Sörgel Sabine Titolo Contemporary African Dance Theatre: Phenomenology, Whiteness, and the Gaze / / by Sabine Sörgel Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2020 **ISBN** 9783030415013 3030415015 Edizione [1st ed. 2020.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (ix, 174 pages): illustrations Collana New World Choreographies, , 2730-9266 Disciplina 305.8 301 Soggetti Dance Performing arts Theater Actors Ethnology—Africa Performing Arts Contemporary Theatre Performers and Practitioners Applied Theatre African Culture Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. This is Not a Book About African Dance -- 2. Sources and Vocabularies of Contemporary African Dance Theatre Aesthetics -- 3. White Supremacy, Necropolitics, and Anti-Capitalist Dance -- 4. Mistaken Identity: Deconstructing White Beauty and Gender Politics --5. Collaborative Blindness: Funding, Failure and the Ethics of Collaboration -- 6. This is a Book About Whiteness and the Gaze. Sommario/riassunto This book is the first to consider contemporary African dance theatre aesthetics in the context of phenomenology, whiteness, and the gaze. Rather than a discussion of African dance per se, the author challenges

hegemonic perceptions of contemporary African dance theatre to

interrogate the extent to which white supremacy and privilege weave through capitalist necropolitics and determine our perception of contemporary African dance theatre today. Multiple aesthetic strategies are discussed throughout the book to account for the affective experience of 'un-suturing' that touches white spectatorship and colonial guilt at their core. The critical analysis covers a broad range of dance choreography by artists from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, South Africa, Canada, Europe, and the US as they travel, create, and show their works internationally to global audiences to contest racial divides and white supremacist politics.