1. Record Nr. UNINA9910494570103321 Autore Sinpeng Aim <1983-> Titolo Opposing democracy in the digital age: the Yellow Shirts in Thailand / / Aim Sinpeng Pubbl/distr/stampa Ann Arbor, Michigan: ,: University of Michigan Press, , 2021 ©2021 0-472-90267-9 **ISBN** 0-472-12856-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (271 pages): illustrations Collana Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Disciplina 322.4/209593 Soggetti Democracy - Thailand Thailand Politics and government 21st century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references (pages 223-244) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Opposing democracy -- Crises and coups -- The origins of the Yellow Shirts -- Democratic breakdown -- Social media and the new antidemocrats -- Crowdsourcing dictatorship. Opposing Democracy in the Digital Age is about why ordinary people in Sommario/riassunto a democratizing state oppose democracy and how they leverage both traditional and social media to do so. Aim Sinpeng focuses on the people behind popular, large-scale anti-democratic movements that helped bring down democracy in 2006 and 2014 in Thailand. The yellow shirts (PAD--People's Alliance for Democracy) that are the focus of the book are anti-democratic movements grown out of democratic periods in Thailand, but became the catalyst for the country's democratic breakdown. Why, when, and how supporters of these movements mobilize offline and online to bring down democracy are some of the key questions that Sinpeng answers. While the book primarily uses a qualitative methodological approach, it also uses several quantitative tools to analyze social media data in the later chapters. This is also one of the few studies in the field of regime

transition that focuses on anti-democratic mobilization and takes the

role of social media seriously.