Record Nr. UNINA9910495174603321 Autore Kerr William Titolo Darwinian social evolution and social change: the evolution of nationalisms / / William Kerr Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham, Switzerland:,: Palgrave Macmillan,, [2021] ©2021 **ISBN** 3-030-77999-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (ix, 235 pages) Disciplina 303.4 Soggetti Social Darwinism Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction -- Part I: Theoretical expositions. Descent with modifications -- From biology to sociology -- Part II: Setting the scene. Darwinian social evolution as a theory of social change -- Theories of nationalism -- Part III: Evolving nations : a Darwinian study. The origins of nationalism in England/Britain -- Fukoku Kyohei : nationalism in Japan -- The comparative case -- Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto "This book introduces the value of a Darwinian social evolutionary approach to understanding social change. The chapters discuss several different perspectives on social evolutionary theory, and go on to link these with comparative and historical sociological theory, and two case-studies. Kerr brings together social change theory and theories on nationalism, whilst also providing concrete examples of the theories at work. The book offers a vision of rapprochement between these different areas of theory and study, and to where this could lead future studies of comparative history and sociology. As such, it should be

useful to scholars and students of nationalism and social change,

sociologists, political scientist and historians." --