Record Nr. UNINA9910502675803321 Autore Doolan Paul Titolo Collective Memory and the Dutch East Indies: Unremembering Decolonization / / Paul Doolan Pubbl/distr/stampa Amsterdam:,: Amsterdam University Press,, [2021] ©2021 **ISBN** 90-485-5307-5 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (334 pages) Collana Heritage and Memory Studies; ; 13. Classificazione NQ 9430 Disciplina 959.8/022 Soggetti Collective memory - Netherlands Decolonization - Netherlands Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Table of Contents -- Abbreviations --Acknowledgements -- Introduction -- 1 Collective Memory and Unremembering -- 2 Representations during the War -- 3 Postdecolonization: The First 20 Years, 1949-1969 -- 4 Breaking the Silence -- 5 Postmemory -- 6 Loe de Jong Controversy -- 7 Remembering the War -- 8 Conclusion -- Bibliography -- Index This book examines the afterlife of decolonization in the collective Sommario/riassunto memory of the Netherlands. It offers a new perspective on the cultural history of representing the decolonization of the Dutch East Indies, and maps out how a contested collective memory was shaped. Taking a transdisciplinary approach and applying several theoretical frames from literary studies, sociology, cultural anthropology and film theory, the author reveals how mediated memories contributed to a process of what he calls "unremembering." He analyses in detail a broad variety of sources, including novels, films, documentaries, radio interviews, memoires and historical studies, to reveal how five decades of representing and remembering decolonization fed into an unremembering by which some key notions were silenced or ignored. The author concludes that historians, or the historical guild, bear much responsibility for the unremembering of decolonization in Dutch

collective memory.