

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910585963403321
Autore	Sanyal Paromita
Titolo	Oral democracy : deliberation in Indian village assemblies / / Paromita Sanyal, Vijayendra Rao [[electronic resource]]
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cambridge : , : Cambridge University Press, , 2019
ISBN	1-108-57722-9 1-108-65070-8 1-139-09571-4
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (xi, 215 pages) : digital, PDF file(s)
Collana	Theories of institutional design
Disciplina	320.8/40954
Soggetti	Gram sabha - India Direct democracy - India Discourse analysis - Political aspects India Politics and government 21st century
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 04 Jan 2019).
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references.
Nota di contenuto	Discursive political culture -- Political construction, state enactments, and citizen performances -- The role of literacy in deliberative democracy -- Conclusion : oral democracy.
Sommario/riassunto	Oral Democracy studies citizens' voices in civic and political deliberations in India's gram sabhas (village assemblies), the largest deliberative institution in human history. It analyses nearly three hundred transcripts of gram sabhas, sampled within the framework of a natural experiment, allowing the authors to study how state policy affects the quality of discourse, citizens' discursive performances and state enactments embodied by elected leaders and public officials. By drawing out the varieties of speech apparent in citizen and state interactions, their analysis shows that citizens' oral participation in development and governance can be improved by strengthening deliberative spaces through policy. Even in conditions of high inequality and illiteracy, gram sabhas can create discursive equality by developing the 'oral competence' of citizens and establishing a space in which they can articulate their interests. The authors develop the concept of 'oral democracy' to aid the understanding of deliberative systems in non-

Western and developing countries. This title is also available as Open Access.
