Record Nr. UNINA9910741178303321 Autore Ballacci Giuseppe Titolo Political Theory between Philosophy and Rhetoric: Politics as Transcendence and Contingency / / by Giuseppe Ballacci Pubbl/distr/stampa London: .: Palgrave Macmillan UK: .: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, . 2018 **ISBN** 1-349-95293-1 Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (VIII, 215 p.) Collana Rhetoric, Politics and Society Disciplina 320.01 Soggetti Political theory Political philosophy Political communication World politics **Political Theory** Political Philosophy **Political Communication** Political History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Sommario/riassunto This book explores the significance of rhetoric from the perspective of its complex relationship with philosophy. It demonstrates how this relationship gives expression to a basic tension at the core of politics: that between the contingency of its happening and the transcendence toward which it strives. The first part of the study proposes a reassessment of the ancient guarrel between philosophy and rhetoric, as it was discussed by Plato, Aristotle, and above all Cicero and Quintilian, who ambitiously attempted to bring them together creating an ideal that is at the roots of the humanist tradition. It then moves to twentieth-century political theory and shows how the questions that emerge from that guarrel still strongly resonate in the works of key thinkers such as H. Arendt, L. Strauss, and R. Rorty. The volume thus

offers an original contribution that locates itself at the intersection of

politics, rhetoric, and philosophy.