Record Nr. UNINA9910764300003321 Autore Scheffer Jörg Titolo Mirrored Spaces: Social Inequality in the Digital Age / / by Jörg Scheffer Pubbl/distr/stampa Wiesbaden:,: Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2024 9783658427931 **ISBN** 3658427930 Edizione [1st ed. 2024.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (178 pages) Collana Geographies of Media, , 3005-0138 Disciplina 303.4833 Soggetti Human geography Social structure Equality Sociology, Urban Sociology Digital humanities Human Geography Social Structure **Urban Sociology Digital Humanities** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Introduction: Technological Competence and Social Change in a Spatial Nota di contenuto Perspective -- Stratification, Socialisation and Space -- Digital and Digitized Space as an Opportunity for Advancement -- Data-Based Utilisation Contexts -- Decontextualized data and socio-spatial differences -- Recursive Spaces -- Conclusion and Outlook. This open access book critically examines discussions on digitalisation Sommario/riassunto and individual opportunities for socio-economic advancement. Contrary to the prevailing narratives of "digital empowerment" and opportunities for every individual, this book argues that digitalisation massively curtails social advancement opportunities, consolidating

existing social relations. From a spatial perspective, Scheffer demonstrates how socially disadvantaged groups are faced with

reproducing mechanisms as part of a new data economy. Surprisingly, the more intensively digital services are used, the more this happens. Building on Löw's sociology of space and Bourdieu's concept of habitus, this book shows how practices of social exclusion are transferred to the digital present in an innovative way. The image of "mirrored" spaces describes a new mechanism that explains social exclusion in the age of digitalization. This book is an essential resource for researchers and students interested in socio-economic inequalities, processes of digitalisation, and digital geographies.