1. Record Nr. UNINA9910765712803321 Autore Miller Ruth A **Titolo** Flourishing Thought:: Democracy in an Age of Data Hoards // Ruth A. Miller [s.l.]:,: University of Michigan Press,, 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-472-90233-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Soggetti Political Science / History & Theory Political science Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Challenging the posthumanist canon that celebrates the preeminence Sommario/riassunto of matter, Ruth Miller contends that what nonhuman systems contribute to democracy is thought. Drawing on recent feminist theories of nonhuman life and politics, Miller shows that reproduction and flourishing are not antithetical to contemplation and sensitivity. After demonstrating that processes of life and processes of thought are indistinguishable, Miller finds that four menacing accumulations of matter and information-global surveillance, stored embryos, human clones, and reproductive trash-are politically productive rather than threats to democratic politics. As a consequence, she questions the usefulness of individual rights such as privacy and dignity, contests the value of the rational metaphysics underlying human-centered political participation, and reevaluates the gender relations that derive from this

type of participation.