Record Nr. UNINA9910777047703321 Autore Hoffmann Sebastian Titolo Grammaticalization and English complex prepositions [[electronic resource]]: a corpus-based study / / Sebastian Hoffmann New York: London,: Routledge, 2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-134-23727-8 **ISBN** 1-281-15804-6 9786611158040 0-203-00822-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (230 p.) Collana Routledge advances in corpus linguistics;;7 425/.7 Disciplina English language - Prepositional phrases Soggetti English language - Discourse analysis English language - Grammaticalization English language - Prepositions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [199]-208) and indexes. Nota di contenuto Half Title: Grammaticalization and English Complex Prepositions; Title Page: Copyright: Dedication: Contents: Figures: Tables: Acknowledgements; Abbreviations; 1 Introduction; 2 Data collection and research methodology; 3 Complex prepositions; 4 Grammaticalization and complex prepositions; 5 Complex prepositions; 6 Complex prepositions in Present-day English; 7 In terms of A new discourse marker; 8 Are low-frequency complex prepositions grammaticalized?; 9 Conclusion; Appendix I; Appendix II; Notes; Bibliography; Author index; Subject index Sommario/riassunto What is a grammatical unit? How does grammatical structure evolve? How can we best investigate the mental representation of grammar? What is the connection between language use and language structure? This book aims to help answer such questions by presenting a detailed analysis of English complex prepositions (e.g. in spite of or with respect to) on the basis of large amounts of authentic language data dating from the Middle Ages until today.