Record Nr. UNINA9910778148103321 Distributed cognition and the will: individual volition and social context **Titolo** // edited by Don Ross [and others] Pubbl/distr/stampa Cambridge, Mass., : MIT Press, ©2007 **ISBN** 0-262-30908-4 1-282-09907-8 9786612099076 0-262-28263-1 1-4294-9242-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (381 p.) Altri autori (Persone) RossDon < 1962 -> Disciplina 128/.3 Will Soggetti Act (Philosophy) Distributed cognition Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia "A Bradford book." Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction / Don Ross -- The puzzle of coaction / Daniel M. Wegner and Betsy Sparrow -- What kind of agent are we? : a naturalistic framework for the study of human agency / Paul Sheldon Davies -- The illusion of freedom evolves / Tamler Sommers -- Neuroscience and agent-control / Philip Pettit -- My body has a mind of its own / Daniel C. Dennett -- Soft selves and ecological control / Andy Clark -- The sources of behavior: towards a naturalistic, control account of agency / Mariam Thalos -- Thought experiments that explore where controlled experiments can't: the example of will / George Ainslie -- The economic and evolutionary basis of selves / Don Ross -- Situated cognition: the perspect model / Lawrence Lengbeyer -- The evolutionary origins of volition / Wayne Christensen -- What determines the self in self-regulation? applied psychology's struggle with will / Jeffrey B. Vancouver and Tadeusz W. Zawidzki -- Civil schizophrenia / Dan Lloyd. Philosophers and behavioral scientists discuss what, if anything, of the Sommario/riassunto traditional concept of individual conscious will can survive recent

scientific discoveries that human decision-making is distributed across different brain processes and through the social environment. Recent scientific findings about human decision making would seem to threaten the traditional concept of the individual conscious will. The will is threatened from "below" by the discovery that our apparently spontaneous actions are actually controlled and initiated from below the level of our conscious awareness, and from "above" by the recognition that we adapt our actions according to social dynamics of which we are seldom aware. In Distributed Cognition and the Will, leading philosophers and behavioral scientists consider how much, if anything, of the traditional concept of the individual conscious will survives these discoveries, and they assess the implications for our sense of freedom and responsibility. The contributors all take science seriously, and they are inspired by the idea that apparent threats to the cogency of the idea of will might instead become the basis of its reemergence as a scientific subject. They consider macro-scale issues of society and culture, the micro-scale dynamics of the mind/brain, and connections between macro-scale and micro-scale phenomena in the self-guidance and self-regulation of personal behavior. ContributorsGeorge Ainslie, Wayne Christensen, Andy Clark, Paul Sheldon Davies, Daniel C. Dennett, Lawrence A. Lengbeyer, Dan Llovd. Philip Pettit, Don Ross, Tamler Sommers, Betsy Sparrow, Mariam

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