Record Nr. UNINA9910779110003321 Autore Ouyang Wen-chin **Titolo** Poetics of love in the Arabic novel [[electronic resource]]: nation-state, modernity and tradition / / Wen-chin Ouyang Edinburgh,: Edinburgh University Press, 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-00236-8 9786613795540 0-7486-5505-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (305 p.) Disciplina 892.73009 Soggetti Arabic fiction - History and criticism Love in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di contenuto Cover; Copyright; CONTENTS; ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS; Prologue PRESENTING THE PAST: THE ARABIC NOVEL AND THE DIALECTICS OF MODERNISATION; PART I Mapping the Nation: Place, Space, Text; Chapter 1 NATION-STATE; Chapter 2 NATION-WITHOUT-STATE; PART II Love: Legitimacy of the Nation, Authenticity of the Novel; Chapter 3 LEGITIMACY OF THE NATION: Chapter 4 IMPROPRIETY OF THE STATE: PART III Desire: Arab Experiences of Modernity; Chapter Five DECOLONISATION: Chapter 6 MODERNISATION: Afterword THE FUTURE IS A FOREIGN COUNTRY; BIBLIOGRAPHY; INDEX Sommario/riassunto Considers the Arabic novel within the triangle of the nation-state. modernity and tradition. The novel is now a major genre in the Arabic literary field; this book explores the development of the novel, especially the ways in which the genre engages with aesthetics, ethics and politics in a cross-cultural context and from a transnational perspective. It takes love and desire as the central tropes through which the Arabic novel tells the tale of its search for form in a world mapped by conflicting ideas. As it falls in love with the nation-state, the Arabic novel flirts with modernity and lives u