Record Nr. UNINA9910780419503321 The barbarism of reason: Max Weber and the twilight of enlightenment **Titolo** // Asher Horowitz and Terry Maley, editors Pubbl/distr/stampa Toronto, [Ontario];; Buffalo, [New York];; London, [England]:,: University of Toronto Press, , 1994 ©1994 **ISBN** 1-4426-3857-5 1-282-05663-8 9786612056635 1-4426-7118-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (321 p.) Collana Heritage 301/.092 Disciplina Soggetti Sociology - Philosophy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Formato Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction / Asher Horowitz and Terry Maley -- 2. Max Weber and the Legacy of Critical Idealism / Christian Lenhardt -- 3. Max Weber and the Modern State / Fred Dallmayr -- 4. Nietzsche and Weber: When Does Reason Become Power? / Mark E. Warren -- 5. Max Weber and the Liberal Political Tradition / David Beetham -- 6. Max Weber and the Bourgeoisie / Tracy B. Strong -- 7. The Politics of Time: Subjectivity and Modernity in Max Weber / Terry Maley -- 8. Mannheim and the Early Frankfurt School: The Weber Reception of Rival Traditions of Critical Sociology / Raymond Morrow -- 9. The Comedy of Enlightenment: Weber, Habermas, and the Critique of Reification / Asher Horowitz -- 10. The World Disenchanted, and the Return of Gods and Demons / Alkis Kontos -- 11. The Revenge of the Sacred: Technology and Re-enchantment / Gilbert G. Germain -- 12. Max Weber and Post-Positivist Social Theory / Susan Hekman. Sommario/riassunto The recent renewal of interest in Max Weber evidences an attempt to enlist his thought in the service of a renewed dream of Enlightenment individualism. Yet he was the first twentieth-century thinker to fully appreciate the pervasiveness and ambiguity of rationalization which

threatened to undermine the hopes of the Enlightenment. Asher Horowitz and Terry Maley present a collection of essays tracing the contemporary significance of Weber's work for the tradition of Enlightenment political thought and its critiques. In its critical inquiry into Weber's thought, The Barbarism of Reason continues the exploration of the limits and prospects of politics in a rationalizing society. The first section comprises a set of both historical and philosophical reflections on the political implications of Weber's central concepts such as disenchantment, rationality, and affectivity, the historical understanding, meaning, and domination. The second section examines the institutional and historical context that framed Weber's inquiries into structures of the modern mode of domination, as well as his understanding of the nature of the modern state. Among the topics broached are Weber's strategic intervention into the development of the liberal theory of the state as well as a critical examination of the theoretical and pre-theoretical roots of his construction of the subject. Another of the essays reveals the schizophrenic structure of modern subjectivity. The third and last section attempts to trace the vicissitudes of Weber's seminal problems concerning rationalization, power, and disenchantment through some of the most important responses to his work in the twentieth century.