Record Nr. UNINA9910780899403321 Autore Schmidt Elizabeth <1955-> Titolo Cold War and decolonization in Guinea, 1946-1958 [[electronic resource] /] / Elizabeth Schmidt Athens,: Ohio University Press, 2007 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8214-4256-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (327 p.) Collana Western African studies 966.52/03 Disciplina Soggetti **Decolonization - Guinea** Guinea History Autonomy and independence movements Guinea Politics and government 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 (p. 283-292) and index. Illustrations; Abbreviations; French Colonial Officials (1944-59); Maps; Nota di contenuto Introduction: One: Reformed Imperialism and the Onset of the Cold War, 1945-50; Two: The Break with the PCF and Dissension within the Ranks, 1950-53; Three: The Fraudulent Elections of 1954 and the Resurgence of the RDA, 1954-55; Four: The RDA's Rise to Power and Local Self-Government, 1956-57; Five: The Renaissance of the Left: From Autonomy to Independence, 1956-58; Six: Defiance and Retribution: The Referendum and Its Aftermath, 1958-60: Conclusion and Postscript; Acknowledgments; Notes; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto In September 1958, Guinea claimed its independence, rejecting a constitution that would have relegated it to junior partnership in the French Community. In all the French empire, Guinea was the only territory to vote "No." Orchestrating the "No" vote was the Guinean branch of the Rassemblement Democratique Africain (RDA), an alliance of political parties with affiliates in French West and Equatorial Africa and the United Nations trusts of Togo and Cameroon. Although Guinea's stance vis-a-vis the 1958 constitution has been recognized as

unique, until now the historical roots of this phenomenon