1. Record Nr. UNINA9910781885003321 Autore Bartholomew, of Lucca, <ca. 1236-1327.> Titolo On the government of rulers [[electronic resource] /] / Ptolemy of Lucca ; with portions attributed to Thomas Aquinas ; translated by James M. Blythe Philadelphia,: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1997 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-21147-5 9786613211477 0-8122-0133-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (320 p.) Collana The Middle Ages series Altri autori (Persone) BlytheJames M. <1948-> Thomas, Aguinas, Saint, <1225?-1274.> Disciplina 320.1/01 Soggetti Political science 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. [289]-291) and indexes. Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- A Note on the Text --Nota di contenuto Introduction -- Book I. Attributed to Thomas Aguinas -- Book 2. Attributed to Thomas Aguinas to mid-z.s.» -- Book 3 -- Book 4 --Bibliography -- Index to Aristotle Citations -- Index to Augustine Citations -- Index to Biblical Citations -- General Index Ptolemy, considered a proto-Humanist by some, combined the Sommario/riassunto principles of Northern Italian republicanism with Aristotelian theory in his De Regimine Principum, a book that influenced much of the political thought of the later Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the early modern period. He was the first to attack kingship as despotism and to draw parallels between ancient Greek models of mixed constitution and the Roman Republic, biblical rule, the Church, and medieval government. In addition to his translation of this important and radical medieval political treatise, written around 1300, James M. Blythe includes a sixty-page introduction to the work and provides over 1200 footnotes that trace Ptolemy's sources, explain his references, and

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