Record Nr. UNINA9910782554303321 Law and ethnic plurality [[electronic resource]]: socio-legal **Titolo** perspectives / / edited by Prakash Shah Pubbl/distr/stampa Leiden; ; Boston, : Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007 **ISBN** 1-281-93684-7 9786611936846 90-474-2201-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (249 p.) Collana Immigration and asylum law and policy in Europe;; vol. 13 Altri autori (Persone) ShahPrakash Disciplina 340/.115 Soggetti Minorities - Legal status, laws, etc - Europe Minorities - Legal status, laws, etc - Great Britain **Europe Ethnic relations** Great Britain Ethnic relations 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. 215-230) and index. Nota di contenuto On cultural diversity: the importance of normative foundations for legal responses -- Immigration, diversity, and integration: the limits of EU law -- Changes in drugs policy and practice : implications for the Black Community -- Common law and common sense: juries, justice, and the challenge of ethnic plurality -- Artistic license, free speech, and religious sensibilities in a multicultural society -- Planning law and mosque development: the politics of religion and residence in Birmingham -- Alternative dispute resolution in a diasporic Muslim community in Britain -- Rituals of recognition: ethnic minority marriages in British legal systems -- Ethnicity and the senior judiciary in England and Wales. Sommario/riassunto The large-scale establishment of ethnic minorities and diasporic communities in Europe has gained the attention of social science scholars for a number of decades now. However, legal interest in this field has remained relatively underdeveloped, and few scholars have addressed emerging legal issues to any significant degree. This

collection of contributions by leading writers in the field of ethnic migration and diaspora studies therefore provides some important

interdisciplinary perspectives of how ethnic/diasporic minorities in British and European contexts interact with the official legal system. This volume makes a significant contribution in assessing the role of law in current debates on the integration of ethnic and religious minorities of migrant origin in the EU. The chapters derive from papers first delivered at a lecture series on 'Cultural Diversity and Law' at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. The contributors' disciplinary interests range across law, anthropology, sociology, geography and political theory, and each one addresses the issues within his or her field of study by adopting approaches that place law within its wider social and political context. The topics covered range from a number of 'public' and 'private' law issues as well as the more conceptual realms of jurisprudence. They include marriage laws, approaches to dispute resolution, the role of courts and juries in the criminal justice system. drugs policies and the criminalisation of minorities, free speech and blasphemy, planning laws and the construction of religious buildings, composition of the judiciary, the normative foundations of cultural diversity in law, and integration and law. The compilation should therefore attract an interest beyond its core readership in law, making legal issues accessible to a whole range of students and policy makers within the social sciences.