Record Nr. UNINA9910782678903321 Rethinking equality projects in law: feminist challenges / / edited by **Titolo** Rosemary Hunter Pubbl/distr/stampa Oxford;; Portland, Oregon:,: Hart Publishing,, 2008 **ISBN** 1-84113-839-8 1-4725-6442-1 1-282-04838-4 9786612048388 1-84731-449-X Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (212 p.) Collana Onati international series in law and society Disciplina 323.3/4 Soggetti Feminist jurisprudence Women's rights Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Papers originally presented at the Workshop on Revisiting Equality, held at the Onati International Institute for the Sociology of Law in July 2006. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: Feminism and Equality -- Rosemary Hunter -- Part I Equality Projects in Law Reform -- 1. The Married Women's Property Acts: Equality Was Not the Issue -- Rosemary Auchmuty -- 2. The Demise of the Provocation Defence and the Failure of Equality Concepts -- Heather Douglas -- 3. Is Equality Enough? Fathers' Rights and Women's Rights Advocacy -- Susan B Boyd -- 4. Alternatives to Equality -- Rosemary Hunter -- Part II Constitutional Equality Projects -- 5. Equality Rights: What's Wrong? -- Reg Graycar and Jenny Morgan -- 6. Haunting (In)equalities -- Karin Van Marle -- Part III Personal Equality Projects in the Legal Profession -- 7. Gender Equality and Legal Professionalism: Challenges for the First Women Lawyers -- Mary Jane Mossman -- 8. That Obscure Object of Desire: Sex Equality and the Legal Profession -- Hilary Sommerlad The concept of equality has been a key animating principle of modern Sommario/riassunto feminism, and has been highly productive for feminist legal thought and feminist politics concerning law. Today however, given the failure

to achieve material and psychic equality for women, feminists have

come to challenge the usefulness of equality as a concept, a particular definition, or a basis for strategising. The papers in this collection reflect these concerns, primarily in the context of English-speaking, common law cultures. Collectively, the papers analyse a range of equality projects across a number of areas of public and private law, considering both competing conceptions of equality and alternatives to it. In taking stock across a century and a half and around the globe, the book illustrates the range of ways in which equality projects in law have been challenged by, and remain a challenge for, feminism