Record Nr. UNINA9910783124203321 Autore Sheffer Gabriel Titolo Diaspora politics: at home abroad / / Gabriel Sheffer Cambridge:,: Cambridge University Press,, 2003 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-107-13262-2 1-280-41854-0 1-139-14788-9 0-511-18078-0 0-511-06446-2 0-511-05813-6 0-511-32641-6 0-511-49943-4 0-511-07292-9 1 online resource (xiii, 290 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Descrizione fisica 325 Disciplina Soggetti Emigration and immigration - History Emigration and immigration - Political aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Primary questions and hypotheses -- Diasporism and diasporas in history -- The collective portrait of contemporary diasporas --Diasporas in numbers -- The making, development, and unmaking of diasporas -- Stateless and state-linked diasporas -- Transstate networks and politics -- Diasporas, the nation-state and regional integration -- Loyalty -- Diasporas at home abroad. Sommario/riassunto This book is intended to fill in a gap in the study of modern ethnonational diasporas. Thus, against the background of current trends globalization, democratization, the weakening of the nation-state and massive transstate migration, it examines the politics of historical, modern and incipient ethno-national diasporas. It argues that unlike the widely accepted view, ethno-national diasporism and diasporas do not constitute a recent phenomenon. Rather, this is a perennial

phenomenon whose roots were in antiquity. Some of the existing

diasporas were created in antiquity, some during the Middle Ages and some are modern. An essential aspect of this phenomenon is the endless cultural-social-economic and especially political struggle of these dispersed ethnic groups that permanently reside in host countries away from their homelands to maintain their distinctive identities and connections with their homelands and other dispersed groups of the same nation. While describing and analyzing the diaspora phenomenon, the book sheds light on theoretical questions pertaining to current ethnicity and politics.