Record Nr. UNINA9910783760103321 Autore Wood Patricia K Titolo Nationalism from the margins [[electronic resource]]: Italians in Alberta and British Columbia / / Patricia K. Wood Montreal; ; Ithaca, : McGill-Queen's University Press, c2002 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-86048-8 9786612860485 0-7735-7023-3 Descrizione fisica xv, 180 p.: maps Collana McGill-Queen's studies in ethnic history. Series two;; 14 Disciplina 305.85/107123 Soggetti Italians - Alberta - History Italians - Alberta - Ethnic identity Italians - British Columbia - History Italians - British Columbia - Ethnic identity Alberta Ethnic relations British Columbia Ethnic relations Alberta Emigration and immigration British Columbia Emigration and immigration Italy Emigration and immigration Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [159]-173) and index. Nota di contenuto Front Matter -- Table of Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction -- The Mentalité of Migration: From "Uprooted" to Relocated -- Into an "Unfallen World": Migration and Settlement prior to World War I --Politics, Policy, and Patriotism: Italian Immigrants Meet the Government, 1919–45 -- Post-War Settlement: A Second Story -- The Multiple Meanings of Multiculturalism -- An "Other" Vision: Italian Immigrants Negotiate Anglo-Canadian Neo-Nationalism -- Relocated: Nationalism, Ethnicity, Time, and Space -- Conclusion -- Notes --Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto She argues that nationalism is not one idea but a "relationship of

voices, speaking from varying levels of political and social power, and to varying audiences." The Italian understanding of what it means to

belong to Canada does not require the abandonment of ethnic identity but instead demonstrates the ways in which layers of identity intersect. Wood introduces the more spatial concept of "relocation" and emphasizes the complex and negotiated nature of immigrant identities. She highlights the immigrants' roles as active participants in the creation of their own local, regional, and national spaces, underlining the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to immigrant history. Highlighting the "marginalized" status of these immigrants - as Southern Europeans, Catholics, and residents of western Canada - Wood brings their voice to the centre and shows them to be agents in the production of their identities.