Record Nr. UNINA9910783958903321 Autore Clark Stephen R. L. Titolo The political animal: biology, ethics, and politics / / Stephen R.L. Clark London;; New York:,: Routledge,, 1999 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-934074-35-7 1-134-65859-1 1-134-65860-5 0-203-00811-1 0-203-15873-3 1-280-33518-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (219 p.) Disciplina 320/.01 Soggetti Political science - Philosophy **Biopolitics Bioethics** 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 and index. Nota di contenuto Preliminaries; Contents; Acknowledgements; Introduction; 1 Aristotle's woman; 2 Slaves and citizens; 3 Is humanity a natural kind?; 4 Children and the mammalian order; 5 Anarchists against the revolution; 6 Bioregional environmentalism and the humanistic culture; 7 Good and bad ethology and the decent polis; 8 Apes and the idea of kindred; 9 Herds of free bipeds: 10 Enlarging the community: 11 Nations and empires; References; Publications by Stephen R.L. Clark; Index Sommario/riassunto People, as Aristotle said, are political animals. Mainstream political philosophy, however, has largely neglected humankind's animal nature as beings who are naturally equipped, and inclined, to reason and work together, create social bonds and care for their young. Stephen Clark, grounded in biological analysis and traditional ethics, probes into areas ignored in mainstream political theory and argues for the significance of social bonds which bypass or transcend state authority. Understanding the ties that bind us reveals how enormously capable we

are in achieving civil order as a specie