

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910784282303321
Autore	Ward Ian <1963->
Titolo	The English constitution : myths and realities / Ian Ward
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Oxford ; Portland, Oregon, : Hart Publishing, 2004
ISBN	1-4725-5959-2 1-280-80048-8 9786610800483 1-84731-131-8
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (226 p.)
Disciplina	342.4202
Soggetti	Constitutional law - England Constitutional history - England Great Britain Politics and government
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	1. The Old Boundaries -- 2. The Mask of Anarchy -- 3. Renaissance -- 4. England and its Empires -- 5. In Search of an English Constitution
Sommario/riassunto	The English Constitution addresses two burning contemporary and complementary questions; one regarding the so-called English 'question', the changing identities of England and English-ness, and a second regarding the changing shape of the Anglo-British constitution. It is suggested that there are both internal and external pressures that are driving the reformation of our constitutional order. There are internal pressures of decay, even corruption, and popular apathy, and there are external pressures brought to bear by the geopolitical challenges of the new world order and the new Europe. The present 'project' of constitutional reform inaugurated by the present government is supposed to reflect these pressures. This book challenges this assumption, arguing that a far more radical re-constitution is required, involving: deeper institutional reforms (the most pressing being the abrogation of monarchy, and the established Church); geopolitical reforms to recast the devolutionary settlement and redefine English regionalism; and perhaps most importantly, conceptual reform, reform that will embrace the need to rebalance the

constitution and to promote greater accountability and democracy. It is intended that the book will provide a stimulating text for both academics and students; advancing a series of original ideas on a subject of considerable contemporary interest. Along the way it discusses most of the major topics, institutions and debates which are ordinarily addressed in public law courses, and equivalents in non-law disciplines
