1. Record Nr. UNINA9910784882903321 Autore O'Kane Rosemary H. T Titolo Paths to Democracy [[electronic resource]]: Revolution and **Totalitarianism** Hoboken,: Taylor and Francis, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-280-03671-0 0-203-56128-7 1-134-37880-7 0-203-35500-8 1-134-37881-5 1-283-96374-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (289 p.) Disciplina 321.8 321.8/094 Soggetti Democracy - History Democracy Revolution **Revolutions - History** Totalitarianism - History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Cover; Paths to Democracy Revolution and totalitarianism; Copyright; Nota di contenuto Contents; Preface; Acknowledgements; Part I: Democracy: method and theses; 1. On method: comparative historical analysis and politics; 2. Democracy and empirical political theory: from the present to the past; 3. Revolutions and ideas of democracy: from the past towards the present; Part II: Revolution: chance for democracy; 4. Revolution and the long path to democracy in France; 5. Revolution and the failure of democracy in Russia and Germany; Part III: Totalitarianism: antithesis of democracy 6. The rise of totalitarian regimes: contrasting France7. Totalitarian regime: Nazi Germany; 8. Totalitarian regime: Stalin's Soviet Union; Part

IV: Democracy as synthesis; 9. Federal Germany: re-tracing a path to

Sommario/riassunto

democracy; 10. Communism and its collapse: East Germany and the Russian Federation; Part V: Conclusion: lessons for democracy; 11. The struggle for modern democracy; Notes; Bibliography; Index

How and why countries become democracies remain intriguing questions. This innovative volume provides a theoretically informed comparative investigation of the links between revolutions, totalitarianism and democracy. It will appeal to those interested in the relationship between history and democracy and the implications for the understanding of democracy today.