Record Nr. UNINA9910785651603321 Autore Linklater Andrew **Titolo** The problem of harm in world politics: theoretical investigations // Andrew Linklater [[electronic resource]] Cambridge: ,: Cambridge University Press, , 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-107-22100-5 1-139-03622-X 1-283-05458-2 9786613054586 0-511-79034-1 1-139-04168-1 1-139-04245-9 1-139-04508-3 1-139-03854-0 1-139-04091-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xiii, 306 pages): digital, PDF file(s) POL011000 Classificazione Disciplina 172/.4 Soggetti International relations - Moral and ethical aspects Harm reduction - Political aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015). Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto The concept of harm -- The harm principle and global ethics -- Harm and international relations theory -- The sociology of civilizing processes -- Historical sociology and world politics: structures, norms and emotions -- Civilizing processes and international systems. Sommario/riassunto The need to control violent and non-violent harm has been central to human existence since societies first emerged. This book analyses the problem of harm in world politics which stems from the fact that societies require the power to harm in order to defend themselves from internal and external threats, but must also control the capacity to harm so that people cannot kill, injure, humiliate or exploit others as they please. Andrew Linklater analyses writings in moral and legal

philosophy that define and classify forms of harm, and discusses the

ways in which different theories of international relations suggest the power to harm can be controlled so that societies can co-exist with the minimum of violent and non-violent harm. Linklater argues for new connections between the English School study of international society and Norbert Elias' analysis of civilizing processes in order to advance the study of harm in world politics.