Record Nr. UNINA9910789001403321 Autore Blanco John D. <1968-> **Titolo** Frontier constitutions [[electronic resource]]: Christianity and colonial empire in the nineteenth-century Philippines / / John D. Blanco Berkeley, : University of California Press, c2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-77259-7 9786612772597 0-520-94369-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (391 p.) Collana Asia Pacific modern;;4 Disciplina 959.9/02 Christianity - Philippines - History - 19th century Soggetti Philippines Politics and government 19th century Philippines Civilization 19th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references (p. 337-357) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Preface -- Introduction: Political Communities, "Common Sense," and the Colonial State --Chapter 1. Imperial Christendom and the Colonial State -- Chapter 2. Special Laws and States of Exception -- Chapter 3. Customs / (Ka)Ugali (an) -- Chapter 4. Publics -- Chapter 5. Aesthetics -- Chapter 6. Values/Norms -- Chapter 7. Gothic -- Epilogue: Colonialism and Modernity -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto Frontier Constitutions is a pathbreaking study of the cultural transformations arrived at by Spanish colonists, native-born creoles, mestizos (Chinese and Spanish), and indigenous colonial subjects in the Philippines during the crisis of colonial hegemony in the nineteenth century, and the social anomie that resulted from this crisis in law and politics. John D. Blanco argues that modernity in the colonial Philippines should not be understood as an imperfect version of a European model but as a unique set of expressions emerging out of contradictions-expressions that sanctioned new political communities

formed around the precariousness of Spanish rule. Blanco shows how artists and writers struggled to synthesize these contradictions as they attempted to secure the colonial order or, conversely, to achieve