Record Nr. UNINA9910789086103321 Autore Seo Joong-Seok Titolo Korean nationalism betrayed [[electronic resource] /] / by Seo Joong-Seok; translated by Han Do-Hyun & Pankaj Mohan Folkestone, Kent, U.K., : Global Oriental, 2007 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-08894-7 9786612088940 90-04-21335-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (264 p.) Collana Brill eBook titles 2010 Altri autori (Persone) HanDo-Hyun PankajMohan Disciplina 951.904 Korean reunification question (1945-) Soggetti Nationalism - Korea Korea History 1945-Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Original Korean ed. published: Seoul: Sungkyunkwan University Press, Note generali 2004. Translated from Korean. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Preliminary Material / J. Seo -- 1. Historical Understanding In The Era Of Unification / J. Seo -- 2. National Question And State In Korea: Focusing On The Bourgeois Class And The Ruling Elite / J. Seo -- 3. The System Of National Division / J. Seo -- 4. The Form Of Existence And Structural Character Of Pro-Japanese Collaborators / J. Seo -- 5. Right-Wing Nationalism And The National United Front In Post-Liberation South Korea / J. Seo -- 6. Rhee Syngman's Theory Of Unification By Northward Advance / J. Seo -- 7. Structural Crisis In North And South Korea And The Path Of Korean Nationalism / J. Seo -- Appendix. The Teaching Of Contemporary Korean History For National Unity / J. Seo --Notes / J. Seo -- Index / J. Seo. Written by Joong- Seok Seo, an eminent Korean historian and a thinker Sommario/riassunto of rare originality, this book examines the tumultuous history of modern Korea from the perspective of nationalism. Based on the

> author's extensive research and wide-ranging experience, the book goes to the heart of critical questioning about the political uses and

abuses of nationalism by the ruling elites of post-liberation Korea. Indeed, Korean Nationalism Betrayed fills a yawning gap in the Western understanding of the authoritarian political structure of South Korea (1948-1988) that manipulated and distorted nationalism by identifying it with ultra-right anti-communism. The author provides a set of thought-provoking and compelling arguments against the assumptions of the Cold War, attributing the continued climate of tension and antagonism between the two Koreas to the tenacity of a Cold War mind-set. He traces the root of the tragedy of national division to the failure of Korean nationalism, and puts forward a compelling case for overcoming the legacy of polarized ideological stance, based on Cold War ideology and embracing a policy of reconciliation and cooperation by both sides.