

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910789873303321
Autore	Leuprecht Peter
Titolo	Reason, justice and dignity [[electronic resource] ] : a journey to some unexplored sources of human rights / / by Peter Leuprecht
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Leiden, : Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2012
ISBN	1-283-39593-2 9786613395931 90-04-22046-1
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (121 p.)
Collana	Nijhoff law specials ; ; 77
Disciplina	341.4/8
Soggetti	Human rights - History Human rights - China - History - To 1500 Human rights - Islamic Empire - History - To 1500 Human rights - Spain - History - 16th century
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Includes index.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Preliminary Material -- Introduction -- First Stage – Harmony Through Humaneness -- Second Stage – Faith and Reason -- Third Stage – The Equal Dignity of Others -- Conclusion -- Index.
Sommario/riassunto	The term “human rights” is relatively recent. It was first used in the late 18th century, in the West. However, many of the basic ideas behind that concept had long been current in various other cultures and civilizations. The book traces those ideas on a journey to some unexplored, or insufficiently explored, sources of what we now call human rights, in three stages: ancient China with Confucius and Mencius; the golden age of Islam with Avicenna, Averroes and Ibn Khaldun; and 16th century Spain with Las Casas and de Vitoria. The author’s conclusion is that human rights and the fundamental concepts of reason, justice and dignity which underlie them can be a powerful, leavening source of universal human unity.