1. Record Nr. UNINA9910793681403321 Autore Rothberg Michael Titolo The implicated subject: beyond victims and perpetrators / / Michael Rothberg Pubbl/distr/stampa Stanford, California:,: Stanford University Press,, 2019 ©2019 **ISBN** 1-5036-0960-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xx, 268 pages) Collana Cultural memory in the present Disciplina 303.6 Responsibility Soggetti Agent (Philosophy) Collective memory Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia For IDS Capstone Course for 2022-2023 Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Acknowledgments --Introduction. From Victims and Perpetrators to Implicated Subjects --1. The Transmission Belt of Domination -- 2. On (Not) Being a Descendant -- Part II. Complex Implication -- 3. Progress, Progression, Procession -- 4. From Gaza to Warsaw -- 5. Under the Sign of Suitcases -- 6. "Germany Is in Kurdistan" -- Conclusion. Transfiguring Implication -- Notes -- Index Sommario/riassunto When it comes to historical violence and contemporary inequality, none of us are completely innocent. We may not be direct agents of harm, but we may still contribute to, inhabit, or benefit from regimes of domination that we neither set up nor control. Arguing that the familiar categories of victim, perpetrator, and bystander do not adequately account for our connection to injustices past and present, Michael Rothberg offers a new theory of political responsibility through the figure of the implicated subject. The Implicated Subject builds on the comparative, transnational framework of Rothberg's influential work on memory to engage in reflection and analysis of cultural texts, archives. and activist movements from such contested zones as transitional

South Africa, contemporary Israel/Palestine, post-Holocaust Europe,

and a transatlantic realm marked by the afterlives of slavery. As these diverse sites of inquiry indicate, the processes and histories illuminated by implicated subjectivity are legion in our interconnected world. An array of globally prominent artists, writers, and thinkers—from William Kentridge, Hito Steyerl, and Jamaica Kincaid, to Hannah Arendt, Primo Levi, Judith Butler, and the Combahee River Collective—speak to this interconnection and show how confronting our own implication in difficult histories can lead to new forms of internationalism and long-distance solidarity.