Record Nr. UNINA9910798123603321 Beyond rationalism: rethinking magic, witchcraft, and sorcery // **Titolo** edited by Bruce Kapferer Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Berghahn Books,, [2003] ©2003 **ISBN** 1-57181-418-3 0-85745-855-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (282 p.) Disciplina 306.4 Soggetti Witchcraft Occultism Rationalism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di contenuto Title Page: Table of Contents; Chapter 1: Introduction; Chapter 2: Beyond Vodou and Anthroposophy in the Dominican-Haitian Boarderlands; Chapter 3: The Smell of Death: Theft, Disgust, and Ritual Practice in Central Lombok, Indonesia; Chapter 4: Sorcery, Modernity and the Constitutive Imaginary: Hybridising Continuities; Chapter 5: The Sorcerer as an Absented Third Person: Formations of Fear and Anger in Vanuatu; Chapter 6: Sorcerous Technologies and Religious Innovation in Sri Lanka: Chapter 7: Maleficent Fetishes and the Sensual Order of the Uncanny in South-West Congo Chapter 8: Fantasy in Practice: Projection and Introjection, or the Witch and the Spirit-MediumChapter 9: The Discourse of 'Ritual Murder': Popular Reaction to Political Leaders in Botswana; Chapter 10: Strange Fruit: The South African Truth Commission and the Demonic Economies of Violence; Contributors; Indexes Sommario/riassunto This book seeks a reconsideration of the phenomenon of sorcery and related categories. The contributors to the volume explore the different perspectives on human sociality and social and political constitution that practices typically understood as sorcery, magic and ritual reveal.

In doing so the authors are concerned to break away from the dictates

of a western externalist rationalist understanding of these phenomena without falling into the trap of mysticism. The articles address a diversity of ethnographic contexts in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Americas.