1. Record Nr. UNINA9910798222203321 Autore Thompson Michael J. <1973-> **Titolo** The domestication of critical theory // Michael J. Thompson Pubbl/distr/stampa Lanham:,: Rowman & Littlefield International,, 2016 **ISBN** 1-78348-432-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (245 p.) Disciplina 301.01 Soggetti Critical theory - History - 20th century Social sciences - Research - History - 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto How critical theory was domesticated -- The present state of critical theory -- The rise of neo-idealist critical theory -- One-dimensional rationality and the limits of pragmatist reason -- The insufficiency of recognition: a critique of Axel Honneth's concept of critical theory --Reconstructing the logic of critical social theory -- Structure and consciousness: reconsidering the base-superstructure hypothesis --System and function: the normative basis of social power -- Fact and value: the epistemological framework of critical theory -- Renewing critical philosophy -- Against the postmetaphysical turn: toward a critical social ontology. Sommario/riassunto Critical theory was one of the most vigorous and insightful intellectual traditions of the twentieth-century. At its core was a critique of culture and consciousness tied to instrumental rationality and capitalist economic life. Yet, Michael J. Thompson argues in this highly original book that this once critical tradition has been domesticated - it no longer offers a philosophically convincing nor politically viable form of social critique. Thompson demonstrates that critical theory has

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