Record Nr. UNINA9910810308803321 Autore **Dunigan Molly** Titolo Victory for hire: private security companies' impact on military effectiveness / / Molly Dunigan Stanford, CA,: Stanford Security Studies, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8047-7741-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xvi, 235 pages): illustrations Disciplina 355.3/5 Soggetti Private military companies Private security services Military policy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Democratic states, their militaries, and security privatization: Nota di contenuto theoretical considerations -- Brothers in arms? : PSCS deployed alongside the national military -- Trading places : private firms hired in place of national militaries -- Historical insights: mercenary and auxiliary forces integrated into national militaries -- Concluding lessons and recommendations. Sommario/riassunto At peak utilization, private security contractors (PSCs) constituted a larger occupying force in Iraq and Afghanistan than did U.S. troops. Yet, no book has so far assessed the impact of private security companies on military effectiveness. Filling that gap, Molly Dunigan reveals how the increasing tendency to outsource missions to PSCs has significant ramifications for both tactical and long-term strategic military effectiveness-and for the likelihood that the democracies that

deploy PSCs will be victorious in warfare, both over the short- and

long-term.