Record Nr. UNINA9910811509703321 Autore Frogel Shai Titolo The rhetoric of philosophy / / Shai Frogel Amsterdam; ; Philadelphia, : John Benjamins Pub. Co., c2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-15652-7 9786612156526 90-272-9423-2 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (167 p.) Collana Controversies, , 1574-1583;; v. 3 Disciplina 101 Soggetti Philosophy Rhetoric Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto The Rhetoric of Philosophy -- Editorial page -- Title page -- LCC data -- Epigraph -- Table of contents -- Acknowledgment -- Introduction -- Justification without criteria -- The search for ``The Truth" (``the will to truth") -- Rhetoric and philosophy -- Plato: The "Gorgias" and the "Phaedrus" -- The "Gorgias" -- The "Phaedrus" -- Aristotle: The Art of Rhetoric I -- Perelman: The new rhetoric -- Rhetoric and philosophy: The rhetoric of "The Truth" -- Speaker and addressee in philosophy -- The philosophical speaker -- The philosophical addressee -- Self-agreement and self-deception -- Philosophical argumentation: Logic and rhetoric109 -- Locke and Berkeley: An example -- Locke and Berkeley: The lesson -- Logical proof and logical criticism -- Psychological criticism -- Humanism, critique and the rhetoric of philosophy -- Humanism and critique -- The rhetoric of philosophy -- Notes -- -24pt -- References -- Index -- the series Controversies. Sommario/riassunto The book claims that philosophy can be defined by its distinct rhetoric. This rhetoric is shaped by two values: humanism and critique. Humanism is defined as preferring the individual human deliberation to any external authority or method. Self-conviction is the touchstone of truth in philosophy. Critique is defined as suspecting your beliefs and

convictions. This is the reason why the book uses Nietzsche's definition

of "the will to truth" - "the will not to deceive, not even myself" - for explaining the nature of philosophical thinking and argumentation. This rhetorical analysis reveals that the danger of self-deception is a constitutive yet irresolvable problem of philosophy. The subjects of the book are: the relations between philosophy and rhetoric, the speaker and the addressee of philosophical arguments, the subordination of logic to rhetoric in philosophy and the philosophical problem of self-deception. This work, unburdened with philosophers' jargon, fits well in the current critical debate about the relevance of pragmatic features of the concepts of subjectivity and truth.