Record Nr. UNINA9910812882203321 Autore Ralkowski Mark Titolo Plato's trial of Athens / / by Mark A. Ralkowski Pubbl/distr/stampa London:,: Bloomsbury Academic,, 2018 **ISBN** 1-4742-2727-9 1-4742-2725-2 1-4742-2726-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (249 pages) Collana Bloomsbury studies in ancient philosophy Disciplina 184 Soggetti Athens (Greece) Politics and government Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Dedication -- Introduction -- 1. The Politics of Impiety -- 2. Why is Alcibiades in Plato's Symposium? -- 3. Plato's Other Apologies of Socrates -- 4. Plato's Atlantis Myth, or: Redesigning the "Democracy Based on Triremes" -- 5. Conclusion: Plato's Apologies of Socrates --References -- Index. Sommario/riassunto "What can we learn about the trial of Socrates from Plato's Dialogues? Most scholars say we can learn a lot from the Apology, but not from the rest. Plato's Trial of Athens rejects this assumption and argues that Plato used several of his dialogues to turn the tables on Socrates' accusers: they blamed Socrates for something the city had done to itself. Plato wanted to set the record straight and save his city from repeating her worst mistakes of the 5th century. Plato's Trial of Athens addresses challenging questions about the historicity of Plato's Dialogues, and it traces Plato's critique of Athenian public life and polis culture from the trial in 399 up through the Laws and the Atlantis myth in the Critias and Timaeus. In the end, Ralkowski shows that what began as a bitter response to the unjust, politically-charged trial of Socrates, evolved into a pessimistic reflection on the role of philosophy in a democratic society, a theory about Athens' 5th century decline, and

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