Record Nr. UNINA9910814391003321 Autore El Kassar Nadja <1984-> Titolo Towards a theory of epistemically significant perception : how we relate to the world / / Nadja El Kassar Pubbl/distr/stampa Berlin, [Germany]:,: De Gruyter,, 2015 ©2015 **ISBN** 3-11-044536-0 3-11-044562-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (376 p.) Collana Ideen & Argumente, , 1862-1147 Disciplina 121/.34 Perception (Philosophy) Soggetti Conceptualism Relationism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Acknowledgments -- Contents -- Introduction -- Part I Conceptualism -- 1 Introducing Conceptualism -- 2 Examining Non-Conceptualist Arguments against Conceptualism -- 3 Examining McDowell's Revised Conceptualism -- Part II Relationism -- 4 Relationism: Perception as Conscious Acquaintance -- 5 Relationism as Anti-Representationalism -- 6 Why McDowell's Revised Conceptualism Does Not Avoid Travis's Anti-Representationalist Criticism -- Part III Relational Conceptualism -- 7 Relational Conceptualism: a Theory of Epistemically Significant Perception -- 8 Possible Objections against Relational Conceptualism -- Part IV. Relational Conceptualism and Empirical Science -- 9 Broadening the Scope of Relational Conceptualism -- References -- Author Index -- Subject Index Sommario/riassunto How does perceptual experience make us knowledgeable about the world? In this book Nadja El Kassar argues that an informed answer requires a novel theory of perception: perceptual experience involves conceptual capacities and consists in a relation between a perceiver and the world. Contemporary theories of perception disagree about the role of content and conceptual capacities in perceptual experience. In her

analysis El Kassar scrutinizes the arguments of conceptualist and

relationist theories, thereby exposing their limitations for explaining the epistemic role of perceptual experience. Against this background she develops her novel theory of epistemically significant perception. Her theory improves on current accounts by encompassing both the epistemic role of perceptual experiences and its perceptual character. Central claims of her theory receive additional support from work in vision science, making this book an original contribution to the philosophy of perception.