Record Nr. UNINA9910820309203321 Brokering access: power, politics, and freedom of information process **Titolo** in Canada / / edited by Mike Larsen and Kevin Walby Pubbl/distr/stampa Vancouver, : UBC Press, c2012 **ISBN** 0-7748-2324-0 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xxi, 374 pages): illustrations Altri autori (Persone) WalbyKevin <1981-> LarsenMike <1981-> Disciplina 342.71/0662 Soggetti Freedom of information - Canada Freedom of information - Political aspects - Canada Government information - Canada Official secrets - Canada Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front Matter -- Contents -- Tables and Figures -- Foreword --Acknowledgments -- Abbreviations -- Introduction -- Access to Information, Past and Present -- Sustaining Secrecy -- Access Regimes -- Behind Closed Doors - Security and Information Control -- Flying the Secret Skies -- Access to Information in an Age of Intelligencized Governmentality -- Accessing Dirty Data -- Access to Information and Critical Research Strategies -- The Freedom of Information Act as a Methodological Tool -- "He who controls the present, controls the past" -- Beyond the Blue Line -- Accessing the State of Imprisonment in Canada -- Accessing Information on Streetscape Video Surveillance in Canada -- Dispatches from the Fourth Estate - Access to Information and Investigative Journalism -- Access, Administration, and Democratic Intent -- Access to Information -- The Quest for Electronic Data --Postscript -- Contributors -- Index Sommario/riassunto Is the business of public officials any of the public's business? Most Canadians would argue that it is that we citizens are entitled to enquire and get answers about our government's actions. Yet, on a practical level, there still exists a struggle between the public's quest

for accountability and the government's culture of secrecy. Drawing

together the unique perspectives of social scientists, journalists, and access to information (ATI) advocates, Brokering Access explores the history of ATI law and supplies multiple examples of its contemporary application at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels. From restrictions to access of airport security data post-9/11 to censorship under the Access to Information Act to the difficulties of obtaining details on streetscape video surveillance, this book reveals the legal and bureaucratic obstacles citizens face when trying to access government information.