1. Record Nr. UNINA9910820328703321 Autore Singer Joseph William <1954-> **Titolo** Entitlement: the paradoxes of property / / Joseph William Singer Pubbl/distr/stampa New Haven, : Yale University Press, c2000 **ISBN** 1-281-72197-2 9786611721978 0-300-12854-1 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (1 online resource (xiv, 241 p.)) Disciplina 346.04 Soggetti Property - Social aspects Property - Philosophy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 217-233) and index. Front matter -- Contents -- Preface -- Introduction -- Chapter 1. Nota di contenuto Paradoxes of Property -- Chapter 2. From Title to Entitlement --Chapter 3. Property and Social Relations -- Chapter 4. Systemic and Distributive Norms -- Chapter 5. Reparation -- Chapter 6. Expectations and Obligations -- Notes -- Index In this important work of legal, political, and moral theory, Joseph Sommario/riassunto William Singer offers a controversial new view of property and the entitlements and obligations of its owners. Singer argues against the conventional understanding that owners have the right to control their property as they see fit, with few limitations by government. Instead, property should be understood as a mode of organizing social relations, he says, and he explains the potent consequences of this idea. Singer focuses on the ways in which property law reflects and shapes social relationships. He contends that property is a matter not of right but of entitlement-and entitlement, in Singer's work, is a complex accommodation of mutual claims. Property requires regulation-property is a system and not just an individual entitlement, and the system must support a form of social life that spreads wealth, promotes liberty, avoids undue concentration of power, and furthers

justice. The author argues that owners have not only rights but obligations as well-to other owners, to nonowners, and to the

community as a whole. Those obligations ensure that property rights function to shape social relationships in ways that are both just and defensible.