Record Nr. UNINA9910821651803321 Autore MacGregor Sherilyn <1969-> **Titolo** Beyond mothering earth: ecological citizenship and the politics of care // Sherilyn MacGregor Vancouver, : UBC Press, 2006 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-7748-5531-2 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (x, 286 pages) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 305.42 Soggetti **Ecofeminism** Human ecology - Political aspects Caring Women and the environment Environmentalism **Ecofeminisme** Humanite (Morale) Femmes et environnement **Ecologisme** 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 -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction: Earthcare or Feminist Ecological Citizenship? -- Theoretical Interrogations -- The Roots and Rhetoric of Ecomaternalism -- "Down among the Women": Ecofeminism and Identity Politics at the Grassroots¹ -- From Care to Citizenship: Calling Ecofeminism Back to Politics -- The Problems and Possibilities of Ecological Citizenship --Conversations -- Conversations with Activist Women: Towards a Counter-Narrative -- The Private, the Public, and the Planet: Juggling Care and Activism in Daily Life -- Activist Women Theorize the Green Political -- No Motherhood Issue: The Project of Feminist Ecological

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Women's environmental activism is often described in maternalist terms

as if motherhood and caring for the environment go hand in hand.

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While feminists celebrate this connection, women and all those who care for people and environments are facing increasing burdens and decreasing time for civic engagement. In Beyond Mothering Earth, MacGregor argues that celebrations of "earthcare" as women's unique contribution to the search for sustainability often neglect to consider the importance of politics and citizenship in women's lives. Drawing on interviews with women who juggle private caring with civic engagement in quality-of-life concerns, she proposes an alternative: a project of feminist ecological citizenship that affirms the practice of citizenship as an intrinsically valuable activity while recognizing the foundational aspects of caring labour and natural processes that allow its specificity to flourish. Beyond Mothering Earth provides an original and empirically grounded understanding of women's involvement in quality-of-life activism and an analysis of citizenship that makes an important contribution to contemporary discussions of green politics, globalization, neoliberalism, and democratic justice. It will be of value to scholars and activists interested in the politics of environmental sustainability and the shifting meanings of citizenship in an increasingly vulnerable world.