Record Nr. UNINA9910823114503321 Autore Gillies David <1952-> Titolo Between principle and practice: human rights in north-south relations // David Gillies Montreal;; Buffalo,: McGill-Queen's University Press, c1996 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-85395-3 9786612853951 0-7735-6603-1 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (356 p.) 327 Disciplina Human rights - Asia Soggetti Human rights - Developing countries Netherlands Foreign relations 1948-Norway Foreign relations 1945-Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [281]-336) and index. Front Matter -- Contents -- Tables and Figures -- Abbreviations --Nota di contenuto Preface -- Theory -- Human Rights and Foreign Policy -- Frameworks for Human Rights Analysis -- Practice -- Dutch Aid to Suriname, 1975-1990: The Litmus Test for Political Conditionality -- The Philippines: Foreign Aid and Human Rights in an Uncertain Democracy -- Principled Intervention: Norway, Canada, and the Sri Lankan Conflict -- Riding the Tiger: Western Responses to Tiananmen Square -- Defending Rights in East Timor: Canadian and Dutch Relations with Indonesia -- Policies --Between Discretion and Participation: Institutional Frameworks for Human Rights Policy -- Between Principle and Practice: Ends and Means of Human Rights Statecraft -- Between Ethics and Interests: Human Rights in North-South Relations -- Notes -- Index Sommario/riassunto Based on case studies of five Third World countries - Sri Lanka, the Philippines, China, Indonesia, and Suriname - Gillies explores the extent to which policy principles were applied in practice, showing that consistent, coordinated, and principled action is elusive even for countries with a reputation for internationalism. He highlights the

growing rift between North Atlantic democracies and emerging Asian

economic powers, the effectiveness of using aid sanctions to defend human rights, and the vicissitudes of human rights programming in emerging democracies. On a theoretical level, Gillies examines the explanatory power of political realism and the scope for ethical conduct in a world of states. Linking policy assertiveness with perceived costs to other national interests, he constructs a framework for analysing policy actions and applies it to his various case studies, concluding that when it comes to human rights the gap between principle and practice is still far too wide.