Record Nr. UNINA9910823192203321 Autore Ratner Carl Titolo Cultural Psychology and Qualitative Methodology: Theoretical and Empirical Considerations / / by Carl Ratner New York, NY:,: Springer US:,: Imprint: Springer,, 1997 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4757-2681-3 Edizione [1st ed. 1997.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XIII, 262 p.) Path in Psychology, Published in Cooperation with Publications for the Collana Advancement of Theory and History in Psychology (Path), , 1574-048X 150 Disciplina 155.8 Soggetti Psychology—Methodology Psychological measurement Cross-cultural psychology Psychological Methods/Evaluation Cross Cultural Psychology 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 and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Shortcomings of Positivistic Methodology for Researching Cultural Psychology -- 2. Principles of Qualitative Methodology for Psychology -- 3. The Cultural Character of Psychology -- 4. Qualitative Methodology for Describing the Cultural Character of Psychology -- 5. Qualitative Cultural Psychological Methodology and Science -- 6. Sociopolitical Underpinnings of Positivism and Qualitative Cultural Psychological Methodology -- References. Sommario/riassunto Qualitative methodologies in cultural psychology often lack the objective and verifiable character of quantitative analysis. Author Carl Ratner corrects this shortcoming by rigorously systematizing qualitative methods. The book discusses, for example, means of systematizing such subjective reports as interviews, letters, and diaries, which often yield valuable data that is not easily quantified. Ratner argues that "complex psychological phenomena are expressed through extended responses" and hence are best studied by new, more regularized qualitative methods that go beyond measuring simple, overt responses.