Record Nr. UNINA9910823329703321 Autore Thomson A. J. P (Alexander John Peter) Titolo Deconstruction and democracy: Derrida's Politics of friendship // A.J. P. Thomson London; New York,: Continuum, 2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4725-4621-0 1-281-29444-6 9786611294441 1-4411-1471-8 1-84714-143-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (237 p.) Collana Continuum studies in Continental philosophy Disciplina 321.8/092 Soggetti Friendship Democracy - Philosophy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages [214]-222) and index Nota di contenuto Introduction -- Part One: Democracy and Deconstruction -- 1. No Democracy without Deconstruction? -- 2. Deconstruction and Liberal Democracy -- 3. Deconstruction and Radical Democracy -- Part Two: Deconstruction as Political Practice -- 4. Deconstruction and Philosophical Nationalism -- 5. The Politics of Exemplarity: Derrida and Heidegger -- 6. Hospitality and the Cosmopolitical -- Part Three: Politics against Ethics -- 7. Economy of Violence: Derrida and Levinas -- 8. Against Community -- Part Four: Deconstruction and Depoliticization -- 9. The Spectrality of Politics -- 10. Depoliticization and Repoliticization -- 11. The Politics of Spectrality -- 12. Deconstruction and Depoliticization -- Conclusion -- Notes --Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto 'No democracy without deconstruction': Deconstruction and Democracy evaluates and substantiates Derrida's provocative claim, assessing the importance of this influential and controversial contemporary philosopher's work for political thought. Derrida addressed political questions more and more explicitly in his writing, yet there is still confusion over the politics of deconstruction. Alex Thomson argues for

a fresh understanding of Derrida's work, which acknowledges both the political dimension of deconstruction and its potential contribution to our thinking about politics. The book provides cogent analysis and exegesis of Derrida's political writings; explores the implications for political theory and practice of Derrida's work; and brings Derrida's work into dialogue with other major strands of contemporary political thought. Deconstruction and Democracy is the clearest and most detailed engagement available with the politics of deconstruction, and is a major contribution to scholarship on the later works of Jacques Derrida, most notably his Politics of Friendship