Record Nr. UNINA9910824710803321 Autore Perina Ruben M. **Titolo** The Organization of American States as the advocate and guardian of democracy: an insider's critical assessment of its role in promoting and defending democracy / / Ruben M. Perina Lanham, Maryland:,: University Press of America, Inc.,, 2015 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2015 **ISBN** 0-7618-6645-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (269 p.) Disciplina 341.245 Soggetti **Democratization - Latin America** Democracy - Latin America Latin America Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Contents; Preface; Abbreviations; 1 Introduction; 2 Democracy in the Americas; 3 Cold War Challenges to Democracy and Early OAS Efforts to Defend It (1948-1985); 4 The International Promotion of Democracy; 5 The New Diplomatic and Legal Instruments for the Collective Promotion and Defense of Democracy; 6 The Inter-American Democratic Charter; 7 Technical Assistance for Democracy Promotion; 8 Electoral Observation: 9 The Survival of Democracy and OAS Relevance: 10 Institutional Tensions and Weaknesses; 11 The Challenging Hemispheric Horizon; 12 Suggestions for Revitalization; Bibliography About the Author Sommario/riassunto This book presents a comprehensive analysis of the Organization of American States' new role in promoting and defending democracy in the Americas; examines how exactly it performs its role among its member states; points out the tensions, weaknesses and shortcomings that constrain its performance, and suggests ways of strengthening it.