

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910825154603321
Titolo	On human persons // Klaus Petrus (eds)
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Frankfurt, : Ontos Verlag, 2003
ISBN	3-11-032465-2 3-11-032464-4
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (214 p.)
Collana	Metaphysical Research ; ; 1 Metaphysical research ; ; Bd. 1
Altri autori (Persone)	PetrusKlaus
Disciplina	128
Soggetti	Metaphysics
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.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Contributors -- Preface -- Warum wir Tiere sind -- The Difference that Self-Consciousness Makes -- Some Thoughts on Animalism -- Objections to Animalism -- Biology or Psychology? Human Persons and Personal Identity -- Persons and Other Trope Complexes Reflections on Ontology and Normativity -- Is My Head a Person? -- Human Persons. Some Conceptual Remarks -- Personal Identity and the Methodology of Imaginary Cases -- Free Agents as Cause -- Identität und Orientierung
Sommario/riassunto	There is no question: We are all persons. But what exactly are persons? Are we immaterial souls or Cartesian Egos which only contingently have bodies? Or are persons nothing over and above their bodies? Are they essentially or most fundamentally animals, evolved beings of a certain sort? Or are we something other or more than animals, namely constituted beings with a certain capacity that distinguishes persons from everything else? What is necessary, and what is sufficient, for an entity to be classified or (re-)identified as a person? What's the value of an analysis of such (biological or psychological) conditions? What does it contribute to our understanding of ourselves as free agents or as beings wanting to live their individual live? The essays collected in this anthology try to answer these questions. They are primarily concerned with the metaphysics of persons and the criteria of personal identity, but also touch on problems of the theory of action and of practical

philosophy.

---