Record Nr. UNINA9910826304603321 Politeness in language: studies in its history, theory, and practice // **Titolo** with a new introduction by Richard J. Watts; edited by Richard J. Watts. Sachiko Ide, Konrad Ehlich New York, : Mouton de Gruyter, c2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-19486-0 9786612194863 3-11-019981-5 Edizione [2nd rev. and expanded ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (452 p.) Collana Mouton Textbook ER 990 Classificazione Altri autori (Persone) WattsRichard J IdeSachiko <1939-> EhlichKonrad <1942-> Disciplina 306.44 Politeness (Linguistics) Soggetti Courtesy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Introduction -- Part 1: The Theory and History of Linguistic Politeness -- 1. Intracultural tact versus intercultural tact -- 2. Linguistic politeness and politic verbal behaviour: Reconsidering claims for universality -- 3. On the historicity of politeness -- 4. Literary texts and diachronic aspects of politeness -- 5. Politeness in linguistic research -- 6. Traditional and modem views: the social constitution and the power of politeness -- Part 2: Empirical Studies in Politeness -- 7. Secondhand politeness -- 8. Between matter-of-factness and politeness -- 9. Children's understanding of white lies -- 10. The metapragmatics of politeness in Israeli society -- 11. The concept of politeness: An empirical study of American English and Japanese -- 12. Linguistic etiquette in Japanese society -- 13. Politeness in Thai -- Back matter Sommario/riassunto The second edition of this collection of 13 original papers contains an updated introductory section detailing the significance that the original

articles published in 1992 have for the further development of research into linguistic politeness into the 21st century. The original articles

focus on the phenomenon of politeness in language. They present the most important problems in developing a theory of linguistic politeness, which must deal with the crucial differences between lay notions of politeness in different cultures and the term 'politeness' as a concept within a theory of linguistic politeness. The universal validity of the term itself is called into question, as are models such as those developed by Brown and Levinson, Lakoff, and Leech. New approaches are suggested. In addition to this theoretical discussion, an empirical section presents a number of case studies and research projects in linguistic politeness. These show what has been achieved within current models and what still remains to be done, in particular with reference to cross-cultural studies in politeness and differences between a Western and a non-Western approach to the subject. The publication of this second edition demonstrates that the significance of the collection is just as salient in the first decade of the new millennium as it was at the beginning of the 1990's.