Record Nr. UNINA9910836795803321 Autore Wang Xinyuan Titolo Social Media in Industrial China Pubbl/distr/stampa UCL Press, 2016 London:,: UCL Press,, 2016 **ISBN** 1-910634-65-4 Descrizione fisica 1 electronic resource (236 p.) Why We Post Collana Soggetti Society & social sciences Social & cultural anthropology, ethnography Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Sommario/riassunto Described as the biggest migration in human history, an estimated 250 million Chinese people have left their villages in recent decades to live and work in urban areas. Xinyuan Wang spent 15 months living among a community of these migrants in a small factory town in southeast China to track their use of social media. It was here she witnessed a second migration taking place: a movement from offline to online. As Wang argues, this is not simply a convenient analogy but represents the convergence of two phenomena as profound and consequential as each other, where the online world now provides a home for the

migrant workers who feel otherwise 'homeless'.