1. Record Nr. UNINA9910860809103321 Autore Bender Lucas Rambo Titolo Du Fu Transforms: Tradition and Ethics amid Societal Collapse // Lucas Rambo Bender Pubbl/distr/stampa Leiden; ; Boston:,: Brill | Harvard University Asia Center,, [2022] ©2021 **ISBN** 1-68417-648-4 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Collana Harvard University Asia Center E-Book Collection, Supplement 2021 Disciplina 895.11/3 Soggetti Chinese poetry - Tang dynasty, 618-907 - History and criticism Ethics in literature Literature and society - China - History - To 1500 Manners and customs in literature Literary criticism China Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Time and authority: early poems (before 755) -- Omen and chaos: poems of frustration and foreboding (through 755) -- Convention and nature: the outbreak of the rebellion (756-57) -- Narrative and experience: poems of the western frontiers (late 759) -- Vision and the mundane: Du Fu's years in Western Sichuan (760-65) -- History and community: Kuizhou poems (766-68) -- Contingency and adaptation: last poems (768-70) Sommario/riassunto "Often considered China's greatest poet, Du Fu (712-770) came of age at the height of the Tang dynasty, in an era marked by confidence that the accumulated wisdom of the precedent cultural tradition would guarantee civilization's continued stability and prosperity. When his society collapsed into civil war in 755, however, he began to question contemporary assumptions about the role that tradition should play in making sense of experience and defining human flourishing. In this book, Lucas Bender argues that Du Fu's reconsideration of the nature

and importance of tradition has played a pivotal role in the transformation of Chinese poetic understanding over the last

millennium. In reimagining his relationship to tradition, Du Fu anticipated important philosophical transitions from the late-medieval into the early-modern period and laid the template for a new and perduring paradigm of poetry's relationship to ethics. He also looked forward to the transformations his own poetry would undergo as it was elevated to the pinnacle of the Chinese poetic pantheon"--