

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910955837403321
Autore	Voegelin Eric <1901-1985.>
Titolo	The authoritarian state : an essay on the problem of the Austrian State / / translated from the German by Ruth Hein ; edited with an introduction by Gilbert Weiss ; historical commentary on the period by Erika Weinzierl
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Columbia, : University of Missouri Press, c1999
ISBN	0-8262-6399-2
Descrizione fisica	396 p
Collana	The collected works of Eric Voegelin ; ; v. 4
Altri autori (Persone)	HeinRuth WeissGilbert
Disciplina	193 s 342.436/029
Soggetti	Constitutional history - Austria Authoritarianism - Austria Austria Politics and government 1918-1938
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Intro -- Contents -- Editor's Introduction -- Historical Commentary on the Period by Erika Weinzierl English translation by Fred Lawrence -- contents -- Foreword -- Introduction -- Part I "Total" and "Authoritarian" as Symbols -- Part II The Austrian Constitutional Problem after 1848 -- Part III The Authoritarian Constitution since 1933 -- Bibliography to Part III -- Appendix The Change in the Ideas on Government and Constitution in Austria since 1918* -- Index.
Sommario/riassunto	Published in Vienna in 1936, The Authoritarian State by Eric Voegelin has remained virtually unknown to the public until now. Sales of the German edition were halted following the Nazi invasion of Austria in 1938, & the entire printing was later destroyed by wartime bombing. In this volume, Voegelin offers a critical examination of the most prominent European theories of state & constitutional law of the period while providing a political & historical analysis of the Austrian situation. He discusses the dismissal of Parliament in 1933, the civil war, the murder of Federal Chancellor Dollfuss, the adoption of the "Authoritarian Constitution" of 1934, & the predicament of being

sandwiched between Hitler & Mussolini. A radical critique of Hans Kelsen's pure theory of law lies at the heart of this work, marking Voegelin's definitive departure from Neo-Kantian epistemology. For the first time, Voegelin elaborates on the important distinction between theoretical concepts & political symbols as a basis for explaining the nontheoretical & speculative character of ideologies, both left & right. He shows that total & authoritarian are symbols of ideological self-interpretation that have no theoretical value, a distinction basic to his later work in *The New Science of Politics*. Available for the first time in English, *The Authoritarian State* is a valuable addition to the Voegelin canon & to the field of intellectual history in general.

---