Record Nr. UNINA9910960167703321 Autore Spanos William V Titolo The legacy of Edward W. Said / / William V. Spanos Urbana,: University of Illinois Press, c2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786613895554 9781283583107 1283583100 9780252092459 0252092457 Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (290 pages) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 973.91092 В Soggetti Philosophy, Modern - 20th century Poststructuralism Orientalism Humanism **Imperialism** Politics and culture United States Foreign relations Philosophy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Includes bibliographical references (p. [233]-265) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Edward Said and the poststructuralists: an introduction -- Heidegger, Foucault, and the "empire of the gaze": thinking the territorialization of knowledge -- Orientalism : Foucault, genealogy, history -- Culture and imperialism: the specter of empire -- Edward Said's humanism and American exceptionalism after 9/11/01: an interrogation -- Edward Said's Mount Hermon and mine: a forwarding remembrance and a coda. Sommario/riassunto With the untimely death of Edward W. Said in 2003, various academic and public intellectuals worldwide have begun to reassess the writings of this powerful oppositional intellectual. Figures on the

neoconservative right have already begun to discredit Said's work as that of a subversive intent on slandering America's benign global image

and undermining its global authority. On the left, a significant number of oppositional intellectuals are eager to counter this neoconservative vilification, proffering a Said who, in marked opposition to the "antihumanism" of the great poststructuralist thinkers who were his contemporaries--Jacques Derrida, Jean-Francois Lyotard, Jacques Lacan, Louis Althusser, and Michel Foucault--reaffirms humanism and thus rejects poststructuralist theory. In this provocative assessment of Edward Said's lifework, William V. Spanos argues that Said's lifelong anti-imperialist project is actually a fulfillment of the revolutionary possibilities of poststructuralist theory. Spanos examines Said, his legacy, and the various texts he wrote--including Orientalism, Culture and Imperialism, and Humanism and Democratic Criticism --that are now being considered for their lasting political impact.