1. Record Nr. UNINA9910963385303321 Autore Hadley Elaine <1960-> Titolo Living liberalism: practical citizenship in mid-Victorian Britain / / Elaine Hadley Chicago; ; London, : University of Chicago Press, 2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786612584763 9781282584761 1282584766 9780226311906 0226311902 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (401 p.) Disciplina 320.510941/09034 Soggetti Liberalism - Great Britain - History - 19th century Great Britain Politics and government 1837-1901 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 Liberal formalism in an informal world -- A body of thought: the form of liberal individualism -- A frame of mind: signature liberalism at the Fortnightly review -- Thinking inside the box: the ballot and the politics of liberal citizenship -- Occupational hazards: the Irishness of liberal opinion -- A body of opinion: Gladstonian liberalism. Sommario/riassunto In the mid-Victorian era, liberalism was a practical politics: it had a party, it informed legislation, and it had adherents who identified with and expressed it as opinion. It was also the first British political movement to depend more on people than property, and on opinion rather than interest. But how would these subjects of liberal politics actually live liberalism? To answer this question, Elaine Hadley focuses on the key concept of individuation-how it is embodied in politics and daily life and how it is expressed through opinion, discussion and

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