

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910968643003321
Autore	Loy David <1947->
Titolo	A Buddhist history of the West : studies in lack / / David R. Loy
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Albany, : State University of New York Press, c2002
ISBN	9780791489123 0791489124 9780585476216 0585476217
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (vii, 244 pages)
Collana	SUNY series in religious studies
Disciplina	909/.09821
Soggetti	Civilization, Western - Psychological aspects Civilization, Western - Philosophy Civilization, Western - Classical influences Buddhist philosophy Buddhism - Doctrines Self (Philosophy) Identity (Psychology) Self-consciousness (Awareness)
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 (p. 223-228) and index.
Nota di contenuto	Front Matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction -- The Lack of Freedom -- The Lack of Progress -- The Renaissance of Lack -- The Lack of Modernity -- The Lack of Civil Society -- Preparing for Something That Never Happens -- The Religion of the Market -- Afterword: The Future of Lack -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	Buddhism teaches that to become happy, greed, ill-will, and delusion must be transformed into their positive counterparts: generosity, compassion, and wisdom. The history of the West, like all histories, has been plagued by the consequences of greed, ill-will, and delusion. A Buddhist History of the West investigates how individuals have tried to ground themselves to make themselves feel more real. To be self-conscious is to experience ungroundedness as a sense of lack, but what is lacking has been understood differently in different historical

periods. Author David R. Loy examines how the understanding of lack changes at historical junctures and shows how those junctures were so crucial in the development of the West.
