

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910968921103321
Autore	Ogawa Akihiro <1968->
Titolo	The failure of civil society? : the third sector and the state in contemporary Japan / / Akihiro Ogawa
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Albany, : SUNY Press, c2009
ISBN	9780791494035 0791494039 9781441607782 1441607781
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (288 p.)
Disciplina	338.7/4
Soggetti	Nonprofit organizations - Japan Nonprofit organizations - Government policy - Japan Civil society - Japan Non-governmental organizations - Japan
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph
Nota di contenuto	Front Matter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction -- Kawazoe -- NPO: A New Third Sector -- Invited by the State -- Power and Contested Rationalities -- Shimin in Japanese Society -- Epilogue: Initiating Change -- Appendix 1 -- Appendix 2 -- Appendix 3 -- Notes -- References -- Japanese Glossary -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	Winner of the 2010 Japan NPO Research Association Book AwardThe global discourse on civil society is both complicated and enriched in this participant study of Japan's volunteers, known as the third sector. In the wake of the Japanese government's failed response to the 1995 earthquake, volunteers took the lead in providing aid to victims. This recent sea change in Japanese society was quickly followed by the 1998 NPO Law (nonprofit organization law) that encourages third sector activities. Drawing on his fieldwork at one of the new NPOs, Akihiro Ogawa explores in detail the social and historical particularities of Japanese "civil society" or shimin shakai, revisiting how the concept is interpreted and practiced by the volunteers themselves. Civil society, Ogawa argues, can best be understood as an active, dynamic process

rather than as a static, abstract model.
