Record Nr. UNINA9910972814103321 Autore Baz Avner < 1964-> Titolo When words are called for: a defense of ordinary language philosophy // Avner Baz Cambridge, Mass., : Harvard University Press, c2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa 9780674064775 **ISBN** 0674064771 9780674068483 0674068483 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (257 p.) Classificazione CC 4800 Disciplina 149/.94 Soggetti Ordinary-language philosophy Language and languages - Philosophy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- Introduction -- Chapter 1. The Basic Conflict - An Initial Characterization -- Chapter 2. The Main Arguments against Ordinary Language Philosophy -- Chapter 3. Must Philosophers Rely on Intuitions? -- Chapter 4. Contextualism and the Burden of Knowledge -- Chapter 5. Contextualism, Anti-Contextualism, and Knowing as Being in a Position to Give Assurance -- Conclusion: Skepticism and the Dialectic of (Semantically Pure) 'Knowledge' -- Epilogue: Ordinary Language Philosophy, Kant, and the Roots of Antinomial Thinking -- References -- Acknowledgments --Index Sommario/riassunto A new form of philosophizing known as ordinary language philosophy took root in England after the Second World War, promising a fresh start and a way out of long-standing dead-end philosophical debates. Pioneered by Wittgenstein, Austin, and others, OLP is now widely rumored, within mainstream analytic philosophy, to have been seriously discredited, and consequently its perspective is ignored. Avner Baz begs to differ. In When Words Are Called For, he shows how the prevailing arguments against OLP collapse under close scrutiny. All

of them, he claims, presuppose one version or another of the very

conception of word-meaning that OLP calls into question and takes to be responsible for many traditional philosophical difficulties. Worse, analytic philosophy itself has suffered as a result of its failure to take OLP's perspective seriously. Baz blames a neglect of OLP's insights for seemingly irresolvable disputes over the methodological relevance of "intuitions" in philosophy and for misunderstandings between contextualists and anti-contextualists (or "invariantists") in epistemology. Baz goes on to explore the deep affinities between Kant's work and OLP and suggests ways that OLP could be applied to other philosophically troublesome concepts. When Words Are Called For defends OLP not as a doctrine but as a form of practice that might provide a viable alternative to work currently carried out within mainstream analytic philosophy. Accordingly, Baz does not merely argue for OLP but, all the more convincingly, practices it in this eyeopening book.