Record Nr. UNINA9910975176603321 Autore Syvertsen Trine Titolo Digital detox: the politics of disconnecting / / authored by Trine Syvertsen (University of Oslo, Norway) Pubbl/distr/stampa Bingley, England: ,: Emerald Publishing, , [2020] ©2020 **ISBN** 9781787693418 1787693414 9781787693395 1787693392 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (x, 153 pages) Collana SocietyNow Disciplina 302.231 Soggetti Digital media - Political aspects Internet addiction - Social aspects Digital media - Social aspects Social Science, Technology Studies Social interaction Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction: Do we have a problem? -- Chapter 2: What is the problem? Intensifying the guest for attention -- Chapter 3: You are the problem! Everybody online and self-regulation -- Chapter 4: Managing the problem. Disconnection and detox -- Chapter 5: The problem is personal - and social: Making sense of digital detox. Sommario/riassunto Social media and smartphones are criticised for being addictive, destroying personal relationships, undermining productivity, and invading privacy. In this book, Trine Syvertsen explores the phenomenon of digital detox: users taking a break from digital media or adopting measures to limit smartphone and social media use. Based on studies, documents, media texts and interviews with media users, Syvertsen discusses how media industries intensify the guest for attention, how companies and governments team up to get everybody online, and how the main responsibility for managing online risks and

problems are placed on the users' shoulders. She provides a rich

account of how users reduce their online engagement through time-limitations, restrictions on smartphone use, productivity apps, and use of analogue media. Syvertsen shows how digital detoxing has much in common with other forms of self-help such as mindfulness, decluttering and simple living and places digital detox within a culture of self-optimisation. But digital detox is also about sustaining face-to-face conversations, better work-life-balance, a deeper connection with nature and more meaningful interpersonal relationships. With a wealth of examples, analyses and stories, Digital Detox is a valuable guide to why digital detox and disconnection has become a topic, how it is practised, what it says about the state of media industries and how people express resistance in the 21st century.