Record Nr. UNISA996218671203316 Autore Webster Professor Frank Titolo Theories of the information society / / by Professor Frank Webster Pubbl/distr/stampa Boca Raton, FL:,: Routledge,, [2002] ©1996 **ISBN** 1-134-46028-7 0-203-42626-6 1-280-32027-3 Edizione [2nd ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (313 p.) The international library of sociology Collana Disciplina 302.2 303.4833 Communication - Social aspects Soggetti Communication - Technological innovations Information society Information technology Information policy Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Previous ed.: 1995. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [274]-298) and index. Nota di contenuto Book Cover; Title; Contents; Acknowledgements; Introduction; The idea of an information society; The information society as postindustrialism:; Information, restructuring and globalisation; Informational capitalism: Manuel Castells: Information and advanced capitalism:; Information management and manipulation: Jrgen Habermas and the concept of the public sphere; Information, reflexivity and surveillance:; Information, postmodernism and postmodernity; Conclusion: is there an information society?; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto Information has come to be regarded as a symbol of the age in which we live. Talk nowadays is of an 'information technology' revolution. even of an 'information society'. But just what does this mean? In Theories of the Information Society Frank Webster sets out to make sense of the information explosion. He examines and assesses a variety of `images of the information society', and takes a sceptical look at

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