Record Nr. UNISA996247893403316 Autore Ipsen Carl Titolo Dictating demography: the problem of population in fascist Italy // Carl Ipsen [[electronic resource]] Cambridge:,: Cambridge University Press,, 1996 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-511-82142-5 0-511-58195-5 0-511-00077-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xvii, 281 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Collana Cambridge studies in population, economy, and society in past time;; 28 304.609450904 Disciplina Soggetti Italy Population History Italy Population policy History Italy History 1922-1945 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015). Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Table for lira conversation to 1990 US -- 1. The background: Fascism. European population policy, European demography, and the problem of population in Liberal Italy -- 2. The organization of totalitarian demography -- 3. The realization of totalitarian demography I: Spatial population management -- 4. The realization of totalitarian demography II: Quantitative and qualitative population management --5. The measurement of totalitarian demography. Mussolini believed that numbers were the key to strength. Between Sommario/riassunto 1922 and 1945 the Fascists attempted to translate that belief into policy by introducing a structured programme to increase the population in Italy. This included campaigns to increase the birth rate, the establishment of demographic colonies, and a battle against urbanisation. This book is a detailed examination of the demographic policy of Mussolini's Fascist regime. Based on archival research, it shows how the Fascists used statistics to mould public opinion, as well

> as to form policy, and demonstrates the ways in which population theory at the time both reflected and informed policy. Carl Ipsen argues that Mussolini's demographic policy can tell us a great deal about the

contradictory nature of Fascism itself, and describes the Fascist efforts to mould the Italian population as one of the most telling examples of the failed attempt to create a totalitarian Fascist utopia.