1. Record Nr. UNINA9910300605603321 Autore Dimond Rebecca Titolo Legalising Mitochondrial Donation: Enacting Ethical Futures in UK Biomedical Politics // by Rebecca Dimond, Neil Stephens Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham: .: Springer International Publishing: .: Imprint: Palgrave Pivot. , 2018 **ISBN** 3-319-74645-6 Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] 1 online resource (149 pages) Descrizione fisica 176 Disciplina Soggetti Social medicine **Bioethics** History Social policy Philosophy Medical Sociology History of Science Social Policy Philosophy of Technology Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia 1. Mitochondrial donation and UK biomedical politics -- 2. Contesting Nota di contenuto mitochondrial donation: the cluster for -- 3. Contesting mitochondrial donation: the cluster against -- 4. Policy work and legitimacy at Nuffield Council on Bioethics, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, and the Department of Health -- 5. Campaigning: contested meanings, patient-families, and last minute labours -- 6. The parliamentary debates -- 7. Enacting ethical futures. Sommario/riassunto In 2015 the UK became the first country in the world to legalise mitochondrial donation, a controversial germ line reproductive technology to prevent the transmission of mitochondrial disease. Dimond and Stephens track the intense period of scientific and ethical review, public consultation and parliamentary debates preceeding the decision. They draw on stakeholder accounts and public documents to explore how patients, professionals, institutions and publics mobilised

within 'for' and 'against' clusters, engaging in extensive promissory, emotional, bureaucratic, ethical, embodied and clinical labour to justify competing visions of an ethical future. They describe how this decision is the latest iteration of a UK sociotechnical imaginary in which the further liberalization of human embryo research and use is rendered legitimate and ethical through modes of consultation and permissive but strictly regulated licensing. Overall, this book presents a timely, multi-dimensional, and sociological account of a globally significant landmark in the history of human genetics, and will be relevant to those with an interest in genetics, Science, Technology and Society, the sociology of medicine, reproductive technology, and public policy debate.