Record Nr. UNINA9910459460503321 Inventing Luxembourg [[electronic resource]]: representations of the **Titolo** past, space and language from the nineteenth to the twenty-first century / / by Pit Peporte ... [et al.] Leiden;; Boston,: Brill, 2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-78666-0 9786612786662 90-04-18881-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (395 p.) National cultivation of culture ; ; v. 1 Collana Altri autori (Persone) **PeportePit** Disciplina 949.350072 Soggetti Nationalism - Luxembourg Luxembourgish language Language policy - Luxembourg Sociolinguistics - Luxembourg Electronic books. Luxembourg Historiography Luxembourg Boundaries Luxembourg Languages Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Pt. 1. Narrating the past -- Introduction. Making sense, producing meaning: time, memory and historical narratives -- Ch. 1. The master narrative of Luxembourg's history -- Ch. 2. The dissemination, reception and public use of the national master narrative -- Ch. 3. Different narratives? -- Pt. 2. Drawing the boundaries -- Introduction. From border patrol to border patrol stations? -- Ch. 4. The 'centripetal' discursive strategy: nationalising the territory -- Ch. 5. The 'centrifugal' discursive strategy : de/renationalising the territory -- Pt. 3. Constructing the language -- Ch. 6. 'Our German' (1820-1918) --Ch. 7. Making Luxembourgish a language. The grand duchy of Luxembourg was created after the Napoleonic Sommario/riassunto Wars, but at the time there was no 'nation' that identified with the

emergent state. This book analyses how politicians, scholars and artists have initiated and contributed to nation-building processes in Luxembourg since the nineteenth century, processes that – as this book argues – are still ongoing. The focus rests on three types of representations of nationhood: a shared past, a common homeland and a national language. History was written so as to justify the country's political independence. Territorial borders shifted meaning, constantly repositioning the national community. The local dialect – initially considered German variant – was gradually transformed into the 'national language', Luxembourgish.