Record Nr. UNINA9910476810203321 People, Places and Policy: knowing contemporary Wales through new **Titolo** localities / / edited by Martin Jones, Scott Orford, Victoria Macfarlane Pubbl/distr/stampa Florence:,: Taylor & Francis,, 2016 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xvi, 158 pages) Collana Regions and cities 330.9429 Disciplina Soggetti Wales Economic conditions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Introducing wiserd localities / Martin Jones, Victoria Macfarlane & Scott Nota di contenuto Orford -- Reframing the devolved policy landscape in wales / lan Stafford -- Wales: a statistical perspective / Sam Jones, Scott Orford & Gary Higgs -- The heads of the valleys / Stephen Burgess & Kate Moles -- Locating the mid-wales economy: the central and west coast locality / Jesse Heley, Laura Jones & Suzie Watkin -- Economic inactivity and unemployment rates / Unitary Authority -- New localities in action and reaction / Martin Jones, Scott Orford, Jesse Heley & Victoria Macfarlane. Set within the context of UK devolution and constitutional change, Sommario/riassunto People, Places and Policy offers important and interesting insights into 'place-making' and 'locality-making' in contemporary Wales. Combining policy research with policy-maker and stakeholder interviews at various spatial scales (local, regional, national), it examines the historical processes and working practices that have produced the complex political geography of Wales. This book looks at the economic, social and political geographies of Wales, which in the context of devolution and public service governance are hotly debated. It offers a novel 'new localities' theoretical framework for capturing the

dynamics of locality-making, to go beyond the obsession with

boundaries and coterminous geographies expressed by policy-makers and politicians. Three localities - Heads of the Valleys (north of Cardiff), central and west coast regions (Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and the former district of Montgomeryshire in Powys) and the A55 corridor (from Wrexham to Holyhead) - are discussed in detail to illustrate this

and also reveal the geographical tensions of devolution in contemporary Wales. This book is an original statement on the making of contemporary Wales from the Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research, Data and Methods (WISERD) researchers. It deploys a novel 'new localities' theoretical framework and innovative mapping techniques to represent spatial patterns in data. This allows the timely uncovering of both unbounded and fuzzy relational policy geographies, and the more bounded administrative concerns, which come together to produce and reproduce over time Wales' regional geography.