Record Nr. UNINA9910796357003321 Autore McLean Monica <1947-> Titolo Quality in undergraduate education : how powerful knowledge disrupts inequality / / Monica McLean, Andrea Abbas and Paul Ashwin London;; New York:,: Bloomsbury Academic,, 2017 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4742-1452-5 1-4742-1451-7 1-4742-1450-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (viii, 258 pages) Collana Advances in stylistics Disciplina 379.2/60941 Education, Higher - Sociological aspects - Great Britain Soggetti Educational change - Great Britain Educational equalization - Great Britain Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction -- University education, social inequality and powerful knowledge -- Introducing the four universities and departments --Setting the scene -- The patterning of inequality in higher education --The construction of high-quality university education -- The power of sociology-related knowledge -- Exploring educational quality --Comparing sociology-related curricula: the pedagogic device --Pedagogy for powerful knowledge and understanding -- The powerful equalising effects of knowledge -- Disciplinary identity and pedagogic rights -- Undergraduate education and futures lives -- Conclusion --Socially-just curriculum and pedagogy, quality and inequality. Sommario/riassunto "Globally, the appetite for higher education is great, but what do students and societies gain? Quality in Undergraduate Education foregrounds the importance of knowledge acquisition at university. Many argue that university education is no longer a public good due to the costs incurred by students who are then motivated by the promise of lucrative employment rather than by studying a discipline for its own sake. McLean, Abbas and Ashwin, however, reveal a more complex picture and offer a way of thinking about good quality university

education for all. Drawing on a study which focused on four sociology-

related social science UK university departments of different reputation, the book shows that students value sociological knowledge because it gives them a framework to think about and act on understanding how individuals and society interact. Further, the authors discuss how what was learned from the study about how policy, curriculum and pedagogy might preserve and strengthen the personal and social gains of social science undergraduate education."--