Record Nr. UNINA9910823707203321 Autore Baratta Alex Titolo Accent and teacher identity in Britain: linguistic favouritism and imposed identities / / Alex Baratta London:,: Bloomsbury Academic,, 2018 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-350-05495-X 1-350-05493-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (210 pages) Disciplina 428.0071 Soggetti English language - Dialects - Great Britain English language - Social aspects - Great Britain English language - Variation - Great Britain Identity (Psychology) Teachers - Psychology Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction -- 1. Personal and Professional Identities in the Teaching Profession -- 2. Accents in Britain and Linguistic Prejudice -- 3. Methodological Approach -- 4. Acceptance of Modification of Language -- 5. Aspiring to a Personally Idealised Teacher Identity -- 6. Abandoning the Personal Identity by Request -- 7. Concluding Thoughts and the Need for Standard Accents -- References -- Index Sommario/riassunto "In British society, we celebrate diversity and champion equality across many areas, such as race and religion. However, where do British accents stand? Do notions such as 'common' or 'posh' still exist regarding certain accents, to the extent that people are deemed fit, or not, for certain professions, despite their qualifications? Accent and Teacher Identity in Britain explores these questions and Alex Baratta's research shows that those with accents regional to the North and Midlands are most likely to be told by mentors and senior staff to

essentially sound less regional, whereas those from the Home Counties are less likely to be given instructions to change their accent at all. Baratta investigates the notion of linguistic power, in terms of which accents appear to be favoured within the context of teacher training

and from the perspective of teachers who feel they lack power in the construction of their linguistic teacher identity. He also questions modifying one's accent to meet someone else's standard for what is 'linguistically appropriate', in terms of how such modified accents impact on personal identity. Is accent modification regarded by the individual neutrally or is it seen as 'selling out'?"--Bloomsbury Publishing.