



**Regional Policy: Theory and Practice by Ugo Fratesi**  
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In *Regional Policy: Theory and Practice*, Ugo Fratesi delivers a comprehensive and timely examination of Regional Policy, an increasingly critical tool for promoting socioeconomic prosperity and simultaneously addressing territorial inequalities. Ugo Fratesi is a Professor at and Polytechnic University of Milan (Politecnico di Milano) and a reputable academic in the field of Regional Science. This first edition, published by Routledge in November 2023, provides an accessible yet comprehensive treatment of the theoretical foundations and practical applications of regional policy within a global context.

The book is structured in four coherent parts. It begins with an exploration of the character, aims, and rationale behind regional policy, establishing the conceptual grounding needed to understand the field. The second part focuses on implementation, presenting the instruments and strategies available to policymakers and shedding light on the real-world challenges in Regional Policy. The third part examines evaluation tools, including methods of impact assessment, modeling, and the use of statistics in policy planning. The final part brings the discussion into practical contexts, showcasing how regional policy is applied across different institutional and geographical contexts through case studies and examples from around the world.

This textbook is particularly suited for advanced students, researchers, and professionals engaged in regional economics, planning, economic geography, and public policy. By addressing both theoretical debates and policy challenges, *Regional Policy: Theory and Practice* equips readers with the knowledge and tools needed to contribute meaningfully to regional development strategies in diverse contexts.

The work of Ugo Fratesi stands out for its structured approach, comprehensive coverage, and commitment to evidence-based policymaking. Regional policy is essential in any government's toolkit for promoting socioeconomic prosperity. It comes in many forms and can be used to target the development of weak and stronger regions. This textbook provides comprehensive and systematic coverage of regional policy, dealing with core theories and looking at contemporary challenges in practice, addressing regional policy across the world.

As regions worldwide face urgent challenges like inequality, stagnation, and demographic shifts, this book provides essential guidance for creating inclusive and sustainable territorial policies.

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