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Preface

This book attempts to bring order to a diverse field, and in so doing to fill a gap of which I have been aware as student, research worker and teacher. Although the book draws its inspiration from geography—particularly the recent literature on locational analysis—this limits neither the literature surveyed nor I hope the range of people who will find the discussion of value. With a wider readership in mind I have attempted to write in such a fashion that even those who have little geographical or statistical training will be able to grasp the main arguments, but some introductory reading for them is listed at the beginning of the bibliographical notes.

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