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About the Book

Urbanisation no longer simply refers to the territorial and demographic expansion of cities. Instead, new urban spaces are emerging in areas traditionally conceived of as non-urban settings, often associated with ‘nature’, ‘tradition’, ‘rurality’ and specific marginalised, disempowered single-ethnic groups and local communities. This edited collection combines various urban expressions and conceptualisations, namely neo-Marxian accounts on planetary urbanisation and post-colonial and post-structuralist approaches, with the aim of supporting and inspiring a research approach which allows understanding the complex characteristics of different emerging urban spaces, locally and globally.

Drawing on in-depth case study material from different regions of the planet (including Central Asia, Europe, Latin America & the Caribbean and the Baltic & Barents Seas), the nine substantive chapters in this book offer an empirical contextualisation of currently dominant urban theory projects. They apply and, at stages, combine theoretical approaches to generate a research framework that captures the context-specific challenges faced within emerging urban spaces situated in distinct geopolitical contexts. Taken together, the contributions presented in this edited volume allow us to view emerging urban spaces in constant interaction with other settings, continuously producing and encompassing several natures, and offering opportunities for social inclusion and for the development of new political projects that are able to acknowledge and embrace difference.

This timely contribution is essential reading for those working in the fields of urban studies, planning, architecture, area studies, development geography and sociology.

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