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there are now more than three hundred city regions around the world with populations greater than one million these city regions are expanding vigorously and they present many new and deep challenges to researchers and policy makers in both the more developed and less developed parts of the world the processes of global economic integration and accelerated urban growth make traditional planning and policy strategies in these regions increasingly inadequate while more effective approaches remain largely in various stages of hypothesis and experimentation global city regions represents a multifaceted effort to deal with the many different issues raised by these developments it seeks at once to define the question of global city regions and to describe the internal and external dynamics that shape them it proposes a theorization of global city regions based on their economic and political responses to intensifying levels of globalization and it offers a number of policy insights into the severe social problems that confront global city regions as they come face to face with an economically and politically neoliberal world at a moment when globalization is increasingly subject to critical scrutiny in many different quarters this book provides a timely overview of its effects on urban and regional development one of its most important but perhaps least understood corollaries the book also offers a series of nuanced visions of alternative possible futures does the city region constitute a new departure in urbanisation if so what are the key elements of that departure the realities of the urban in the 21st century are increasingly complex and polychromatic the rise of global networks enabled by supranational administrations both governmental and corporate strongly influences and structures the management of urban life how we conceive the city region has intellectual and practical consequences first in helping us grasp rapidly changing realities and second in facilitating the flow of resources ideas and learning to enhance the quality of life of citizens two themes interweave through this collection within this broad palette first are the socio spatial constructs and their relationship to the empirical evidence of change in the physical and functional aspects of urban form second is what they mean for the spatial scales of governance this latter theme explores territorially based understandings of intervention and the changing set of political concerns in selected case studies in efforts to address these issues and improve upon knowledge this collection brings together international scholars building new data driven cross disciplinary theories to create new images of the city region that may prove to supplement if not supplant old ones the book illustrates the dialectical interplay of theory and fact time and space and spatial and institutional which expands on our intellectual grasp of the theoretical debates on city regions through practical knowing citing examples from europe the united states australasia and beyond this book was originally published as a special issue of regional studies first published in 1998 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company a unique comparative study based on funded research of eleven city regions across three continents looking at changes over the last 30 years

detailed changes in land use are presented here with series of maps prepared especially for the study the socio economic and physical forms of city regions have been examined for comparative study and the findings will be of interest to all those concerned with urban development in their professional and academic work the book features numerous maps which underline research findings cities covered are ankara bangkok boston madrid randstad san diego chile sao paulo seattle and the central puget taipei tokyo west midlands rich in case study insights this book provides an overview of city region building and considers how governance restructuring shapes political economic social and cultural landscapes reviewing city regions in britain the authors address the tensions and opportunities for local elites and civil society actors how should the metropolis be governed what is the appropriate scale to consider and organize local governance and communities bringing together an interdisciplinary and international body of scholarly work city regions in prospect explores the city region as both an evolving concept and as a growing area of planning practice contributors raise critical questions about the ways in which governance reform is being reshaped and whether current trends towards rescaling and rebounding cities actually address local challenges of urbanization and globalization these essays highlight the tensions and uncertainties between the city region as a concept and the experiences of local communities when municipal policies are applied proposing a challenge to scholars and municipal leaders to account for flexibility adaptability to local contexts social robustness and community engagement city regions in prospect captures the growing relevance and importance of cities in a rapidly urbanizing world governance of europe s city regions is a structured overview of current debates on cities and regions it clarifies contemporary debates about regionalism and contributes new insights into the theory of new regionalism this book was first published in 1947 focussing particularly on urban fringe and rural areas this book addresses the parallel phenomena of growth and decline in doing so it not only broadens a debate which generally concentrates on urban municipalities especially inner city areas but also covers new ground by starting to build a new theoretical framework for the spatial planning related assessment of these phenomena bringing together contributions from internationally renowned authors such as sir peter hall steve ward and johann jessen the book compares international case studies and highlights their relationships with one another it concludes by emphasizing common themes that are addressed as well as showing applicability to other urban and rural regions overall the book provides a timely and comprehensive analysis of the spatial consequences and related spatial planning concepts in theory and practice which aim to further sustainable development of city regions urban fringe and rural areas experiencing growth and decline the issue of regionalization has become a crucial point in the process of european unification the region has attracted a wider audience but the term remains attached to a variety of different definitions linked to spatial historical social political and cultural discourses the macro trends of globalization the debate on political steering and the sociological perspective on the regionalization of life worlds however fit together in this book some links between the different understandings of the region are presented with empirical and theoretical international examples the networked polycentric mega city region is a fresh 21st century urban phenomenon developed around one or more cities of global status it is characterized by a cluster of

cities and towns physically separate but intensively networked in a complex spatial division of labor this book analyzes eight such regions in north west europe essay from the year 2005 in the subject economics international economic relations grade 20 university of st andrews department of economics language english abstract the debate about the effects of globalisation on cities is controversial on the one hand scientists and journalists predicted the end of the city due to technological change especially in the area of telecommunications implying that an increased number of home workers and the possibilities of video conferences would make calm suburbs or rural areas more attractive in comparison to a grid locked and expensive downtown area 1 yet whenever the abstract idea of globalisation is illustrated in newspapers or tv it is not a suburb or the green hills of fife that are shown rather symbols of globalisation like manhattan or tokyo look more like ridley scott s nighttown in bladerunner in contrast to the prediction of declining cities globalisation seems to boost the growth of cities in a way that many scientists influenced by the ideas of alfred marshall and joseph schumpeter started to write about global cities world cities or global city regions leamer storper called global cities the big winners of the internet age 2 but what are exactly the effects of globalisation on the functions and economy of cities in order to examine these effects it is useful to address two questions 1 why do firms choose cities as a location in general section 2 1 and 2 how does globalisation affect this reasoning section 2 2 section 3 summarises the results how should regional cities develop regional development strategies for their sustainable future how can such strategies work effectively regional cities are now at a crossroads will they decline or be regenerated under the impacts of globalization their sustainable regeneration as creative regional centers will play a decisive role in their sustainable development as a whole but only with viable regional spatial strategies that strengthen the network of cities and their hinterlands the concern here lies in urban regeneration and strategic spatial planning at the city region level this book records observations of 12 dynamically changing regional cities in asia europe and the united states the form of the city region urban regeneration and strategic spatial planning as well as the local and regional governance of each city are examined through this empirical and comparative analysis essential lessons are drawn which will add a new perspective to discussions on the sustainable future of regional cities in an age of globalization this book explores cities and the intra regional relational dynamics often overlooked by urban scholars and it challenges common representations of urban development successes and failures gathering leading international scholars from europe australia and north america it explores the secondary city concept in urban development theory and practice and advances a research agenda that highlights uneven development concerns by emphasising the subordinate status of secondary cities relative to their dominant neighbours the book raises new questions about regional development in the global north it considers alternative relations and development strategies that innovatively reimagine the subordinate status of secondary cities and showcase their full potential throughout the world more policy making and the politics that shape it take place in the urban regions where most people live this book draws on eleven case studies of similar but disparate urban regions in france germany and the united states from the 1960s to the 1990s it documents the growth of this urban governance and develops a pioneering analysis of its causes and consequences it traces the

origins to the expansion and devolution of policy making to local business mobilization and institutional interests in high tech and service activities and the incorporation of local social movements nation states shape the possibilities for this urban governance but operate increasingly as infrastructures for local initiatives where urban governance has succeeded in combining environmental quality and social inclusion with local prosperity local officials have built on supportive infrastructures from higher levels the local economy civil society and favourable positions in the global economy mega city regions are currently a frequent topic of discussion researchers are exploring the fundamentals for understanding the role of metropolitan regions and their social economic and cultural developments on a national and european basis the responsible decision makers in politics and business are calling for new measures for greater urban areas but that is just the start of the problem europe seems to lack an awareness for metropolitan regions for the majority of politicians planners institutions and residents the features of mega city regions remain invisible they are scarcely charted there are no concepts for representing them or any direct sensory understanding of them in everyday life the book is based on the understanding that the visual depiction of mega city regions is fundamental to identifying acting and developing within existing concentrations of urban populations through essays from various disciplines the book approaches the phenomenon and discusses the necessity to visualize mega city regions 203 illustrations this report looks at how regions and cities across the oecd are progressing towards stronger economies higher quality of life for their citizens and more inclusive societies this edition presents regional and metropolitan updates for more than 40 indicators to assess disparities first published in 2011 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company this book takes you on a unique journey through american history taking time to consider the forces that shaped the development of various cities and regions and arrives at an unexpected conclusion regarding sustainability from the american dream to globalization to the digital and information revolutions we assume that humans have taken control of our collective destinies in spite of potholes in the road such as the great recession of 2007 2009 however these attitudes were formed during a unique 100 year period of human history in which a large but finite supply of fossil fuels was tapped to feed our economic and innovation engine today at the peak of the oil age the horizon looks different cities such as los angeles phoenix and las vegas are situated where water and other vital ecological services are scarce and the enormous flows of resources and energy that were needed to create the megalopolises of the 20th century will prove unsustainable climate change is a reality and regional impacts will become increasingly severe economies such as las vegas which are dependent on discretionary income and buffeted by climate change are already suffering the fate of the proverbial canary in the coal mine finite resources will mean profound changes for society in general and the energy intensive lifestyles of the us and canada in particular but not all regions are equally vulnerable to these 21st century megatrends are you ready to look beyond america s most livable cities to the critical factors that will determine the sustainability of your municipality and region find out where your city or region ranks according to the forces that will impact our lives in the next years and decades find out how resource availability and ecological services shaped the modern landscape emerging megatrends will make cities and regions more or

less livable in the new century your city or region ranks on a sustainability map of the united states urban metabolism puts large cities at particular risk sustainability factors will favor economic solutions at a local rather than global level these principles apply to industrial economies and countries globally this book should be cited as follows j day c hall e roy m moersbaecher c d elia d pimentel and a yanez 2016 america s most sustainable cities and regions surviving the 21st century megatrends springer new york 348 p this book investigates the ways in which city regions view themselves as single entities how they are governed what is meant by governance why the question of city regional governance matters and the extent to which the balance between internal and external factors is important for finding governance solutions examples from north america and europe are compared and contrasted to gain a better understanding of what matters on the ground to people and policy makers when seeking answers to the challenges of a globalised rapidly changing world in order to analyse the conditions involved in making local decisions the author looks at the impact of established policy making practices socio economic patterns among the population existing views of the local and the regional and their respective roles among the electorate and policy makers and the scope for building city regional governance under given statutory and fiscal provisions the complex interaction of these factors is shown to produce place specific forms and modi operandi for governing city regions as local regional constructs this book will be of interest to urban and regional policy makers and scholars working in the fields of economic geography and political geography the region is back in town galloping urbanization has pushed beyond historical notions of metropolitanism city regions have experienced in edward soja s terms an epochal shift in the nature of the city and the urbanization process marking the beginning of the end of the modern metropolis as we knew it governing cities through regions broadens and deepens our understanding of metropolitan governance through an innovative comparative project that engages with anglo american french and german literatures on the subject of regional governance it expands the comparative angle from issues of economic competitiveness and social cohesion to topical and relevant fields such as housing and transportation and it expands comparative work on municipal governance to the regional scale with contributions from established and emerging international scholars of urban and regional governance the volume covers conceptual topics and case studies that contrast the experience of a range of canadian metropolitan regions with a strong selection of european regions it starts from assumptions of limited conversion among regions across the atlantic but is keenly aware of the remarkable differences in urban regions path dependencies in which the larger processes of globalization and neo liberalization are situated and materialized planning canadian regions is the first book to consolidate the history evolution current practice and future prospects for regional planning in canada as planners grapple with challenges wrought by globalization the evolution of massive new city regions and the pressures for sustainable and community economic development a deeper understanding of canada s approaches is invaluable hodge and robinson identify the intellectual and conceptual foundations of regional planning and review the history and main modes of regional planning for rural regions economic development regions resource development regions and metropolitan and city regions they draw lessons from canada s past

experience and conclude by proposing a new paradigm addressing the needs of regional planning now and in the future emphasizing regional governance greater inclusiveness and integration of physical planning with planning for economic sustainability and natural ecosystems planning canadian regions will be a much needed text for students and teachers of regional planning and an indispensable reference for planning practitioners it will also find a receptive audience in such disciplines as urban planning environmental studies geography political science public administration and economics the blue economy is a major driver of urban and regional development creating millions of local jobs in water dependent sectors such as fisheries tourism and shipping however it can also contribute to carbon emissions and ecosystem degradation while its reliance on freshwater coastal and marine ecosystems exposes it to the impacts of climate change as the places where the blue economy takes place creates value and provides jobs cities and regions play a key role in unlocking the potential of a resilient blue economy that preserves the ecosystems that sustain it building on a global survey of 80 cities regions and basins this report highlights the costs and benefits of the blue economy at subnational level shedding light on the link between the blue economy and water security this analysis provides an overview of the multi level governance of the blue economy and related gaps it calls on cities and regions to develop resilient inclusive sustainable and circular risk proof blue economies by establishing the right governance conditions related to policy making policy coherence and policy implementation the report concludes with a risk assessment framework that offers a self evaluation tool for subnational governments is there a new learning economy this publication which views the debate from the perspective of a regional learning economy clearly answers in the affirmative second rank cities are back on the academic scene capturing the interest of scholars with their unexpected recent performance with respect to first rank cities looking at the data on average urban gdp growth in 139 european cities since 1996 the relatively strong position of large cities over 1.5 million inhabitants on national growth coincides with the periods of fastest expansion while at times of slowdown second rank cities prevail especially in the recent period of economic downturn second rank cities have recorded annual gdp growth rates much less negative than those of capital cities and in some european countries like austria and germany all cities have outperformed their capitals in explaining this phenomenon linking urban dynamics to agglomeration theories seems the most interesting approach however merely to link agglomeration economies to urban size in order to interpret urban performance is neither convincing nor sufficient and it calls for additional investigation into how agglomeration economies work this volume claims that interpretation of the current dynamics in european urban systems especially in the western part of europe would benefit from exploitation of the traditional concept of agglomeration economies however necessary for this purpose are more in depth considerations on the nature scope intensity and causes of agglomeration economies which do not relate their existence solely to urban size and this is where the main challenge for scholars lies in the interpretation of the missing link between agglomeration economies and urban dynamics this book was originally published as a special issue of european planning studies the world's cities offers instructors and students in higher education an accessible introduction to the three major

perspectives influencing city regions worldwide city regions in a world system nested city regions and the city region as the engine of economic activity growth the book provides students with helpful essays on each perspective case studies to illustrate each major viewpoint and discussion questions following each reading the world's cities concludes with an original essay by the editor that helps students understand how an analysis incorporating a combination of theoretical perspectives and factors can provide a richer appreciation of the world's city dynamics first published in 2000 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company this book provides a unique contribution to the science of sustainable societies by challenging the traditional concept of rural urban dichotomy it combines environmental engineering and landscape sciences perspectives on urban region issues making the book a unique work in urban study literatures today's extended urban regions often maintain rural features within their boundaries and also have strong social economic and environmental linkages with the surrounding rural areas these intra and inter linkages between urban and rural systems produce complex interdependences with global and local sustainability issues including those of climate change resource exploitation ecosystem degradation and human wellbeing planning and other prospective actions for the sustainability of urban regions therefore cannot solely depend on urban approaches rather they need to integrate broader landscape perspectives that take extended social and ecological systems into consideration this volume shows how to untangle diagnose and transform urban regions through distinctive thematic contributions across a variety of academic disciplines ranging from environmental engineering and geography to landscape ecology and urban planning case studies selected from across the world and investigating urban regions in east asia europe north america and south east asia collectively illustrate shared and differentiated drivers of sustainability challenges and provide informative inputs to global and local sustainability initiatives a key concern in the debate and empirical research on the geography of regions is the evolution of the conceptualizations and practical uses of the idea of region this idea prioritises both the intellectual and the practical development of regional studies this book drives the discussion further it stresses the complex forms of agency advocacy involved in the production and reproduction of regional spaces and space of regionalism as well as the importance of geohistory and context the book moves beyond the territorial relational divide that has characterized debates on regions and regional borders since the 1990s the contributors answer key questions from different conceptual and concrete contextual angles and to motivate readers to reflect on the perpetual significance of regional concepts and how they are mobilized by various actors to maintain or transform the contested spatialities of societal power relations this book was based on a special issue of regional studies in recent years smartness has risen as a buzzword to characterize novel urban policy and development patterns as a result of this debates around what smart actually means both theoretically and empirically have emerged within the interdisciplinary arenas of urban and regional studies this book explores the changes in discourse rationality and selected responses of smartness through the theme of transition the concept of transition provides the broader context and points of reference for adopting smartness in reconciling competing interests and agendas in city regional governance using case studies from around the world including north america

Europe and South Africa the authors link external regime transition in societal values and goals with internal moves towards smartness while reflecting the growing integration of overarching themes and analytical concerns this volume further develops work on smartness smart growth transition city regionalism governance and sustainability smart transitions in city regionalism explores how smart cities and city regions interact with conventional state structures it will be of great interest to postgraduates and advanced undergraduates across urban studies geography sustainability studies and political science as global warming advances regions around the world are engaging in revolutionary sustainability planning but with social equity as an afterthought California is at the cutting edge of this movement not only because its regulations actively reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also because its pioneering environmental regulation market innovation and left coast politics show how to blend the three es of sustainability environment economy and equity planning sustainable cities and regions is the first book to explain what this grand experiment tells us about the most just path moving forward for cities and regions across the globe the book offers chapters about neighbourhoods the economy and poverty using stories from practice to help solve puzzles posed by academic research based on the most recent demographic and economic trends it overturns conventional ideas about how to build more livable places and vibrant economies that offer opportunity to all this thought provoking book provides a framework to deal with the new inequities created by the movement for more livable and expensive cities so that our best plans for sustainability are promoting more equitable development as well this book will appeal to students of urban studies urban planning and sustainability as well as policymakers planning practitioners and sustainability advocates around the world as place branding has become a widely established but contested practice there is a dire need to rethink its theoretical foundations and its contribution to development and to reassert its future this important new book advances understanding of place branding through its holistic critical and evidence based approach contributions by world leading specialists explore a series of crucially significant issues and demonstrate how place branding will contribute more to cultural economic and social development in the future the theoretical analysis and illustrative practical examples in combination with the accessible style make the book an indispensable reading for anyone involved in the field empowering metropolitan regions through new forms of cooperation analyzes the development of cross border and cross sector partnerships in various European cities and regions it provides insight into the factors of failure and success in relation to the coalition forming process by comparing various attempts at this in European regions the comparative analysis of these attempts to establish cooperation between municipalities sheds light on the importance of a regional approach to governance in dealing with challenges that cross the borders of cities over the last decades and in line with the adoption of the sustainable development goals SDGs in 2015 cities and regions have played an important part in helping to implement global agendas at local level through their decentralised development cooperation DDC activities this book deals with the development of cities and regions in times of decisive transformation in Europe throughout these past twenty years the theory and practice of modeling cities and regions as complex self organizing systems presenting widely used cellular automata based models theoretical discussions and applications

cities and regions grow or occasionally decline and continuously transform themselves as they do so this book describes the theory and practice of modeling the spatial dynamics of urban growth and transformation as cities are complex adaptive self organizing systems the most appropriate modeling framework is one based on the theory of self organizing systems an approach already used in such fields as physics and ecology the book presents a series of models most of them developed using cellular automata ca which are inherently spatial and computationally efficient it also provides discussions of the theoretical methodological and philosophical issues that arise from the models a case study illustrates the use of these models in urban and regional planning finally the book presents a new dynamic theory of urban spatial structure that emerges from the models and their applications the models are primarily land use models but the more advanced ones also show the dynamics of population and economic activities and are integrated with models in other domains such as economics demography and transportation the result is a rich and realistic representation of the spatial dynamics of a variety of urban phenomena the book is unique in its coverage of both the general issues associated with complex self organizing systems and the specifics of designing and implementing models of such systems

Global City-regions 2002 there are now more than three hundred city regions around the world with populations greater than one million these city regions are expanding vigorously and they present many new and deep challenges to researchers and policy makers in both the more developed and less developed parts of the world the processes of global economic integration and accelerated urban growth make traditional planning and policy strategies in these regions increasingly inadequate while more effective approaches remain largely in various stages of hypothesis and experimentation global city regions represents a multifaceted effort to deal with the many different issues raised by these developments it seeks at once to define the question of global city regions and to describe the internal and external dynamics that shape them it proposes a theorization of global city regions based on their economic and political responses to intensifying levels of globalization and it offers a number of policy insights into the severe social problems that confront global city regions as they come face to face with an economically and politically neoliberal world at a moment when globalization is increasingly subject to critical scrutiny in many different quarters this book provides a timely overview of its effects on urban and regional development one of its most important but perhaps least understood corollaries the book also offers a series of nuanced visions of alternative possible futures

The Futures of the City Region 2013-09-13 does the city region constitute a new departure in urbanisation if so what are the key elements of that departure the realities of the urban in the 21st century are increasingly complex and polychromatic the rise of global networks enabled by supranational administrations both governmental and corporate strongly influences and structures the management of urban life how we conceive the city region has intellectual and practical consequences first in helping us grasp rapidly changing realities and second in facilitating the flow of resources ideas and learning to enhance the quality of life of citizens two themes interweave through this collection within this broad palette first are the socio spatial constructs and their relationship to the empirical evidence of change in the physical and functional aspects of urban form second is what they mean for the spatial scales of governance this latter theme explores territorially based understandings of intervention and the changing set of political concerns in selected case studies in efforts to address these issues and improve upon knowledge this collection brings together international scholars building new data driven cross disciplinary theories to create new images of the city region that may prove to supplement if not supplant old ones the book illustrates the dialectical interplay of theory and fact time and space and spatial and institutional which expands on our intellectual grasp of the theoretical debates on city regions through practical knowing citing examples from europe the united states australasia and beyond this book was originally published as a special issue of regional studies

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Cities, Regions and Flows 2013 a unique comparative study based on funded research of eleven city regions across three continents looking at changes over the last 30 years detailed changes in land use are presented here with series of maps prepared especially for the study the socio economic and physical forms of city regions have been examined for comparative study and the

findings will be of interest to all those concerned with urban development in their professional and academic work the book features numerous maps which underline research findings cities covered are ankara bangkok boston madrid randstad san diego chile sao paulo seattle and the central puget taipei tokyo west midlands

Global City Regions 2013-09-05 rich in case study insights this book provides an overview of city region building and considers how governance restructuring shapes political economic social and cultural landscapes reviewing city regions in britain the authors address the tensions and opportunities for local elites and civil society actors

City Regions and Devolution in the UK 2022-09 how should the metropolis be governed what is the appropriate scale to consider and organize local governance and communities bringing together an interdisciplinary and international body of scholarly work city regions in prospect explores the city region as both an evolving concept and as a growing area of planning practice contributors raise critical questions about the ways in which governance reform is being reshaped and whether current trends towards rescaling and rebounding cities actually address local challenges of urbanization and globalization these essays highlight the tensions and uncertainties between the city region as a concept and the experiences of local communities when municipal policies are applied proposing a challenge to scholars and municipal leaders to account for flexibility adaptability to local contexts social robustness and community engagement city regions in prospect captures the growing relevance and importance of cities in a rapidly urbanizing world

City-Regions in Prospect? 2015-09-01 governance of europe s city regions is a structured overview of current debates on cities and regions it clarifies contemporary debates about regionalism and contributes new insights into the theory of new regionalism

Governance of Europe's City Regions 2003-08-27 this book was first published in 1947

City, Region and Regionalism 2013-05-13 focussing particularly on urban fringe and rural areas this book addresses the parallel phenomena of growth and decline in doing so it not only broadens a debate which generally concentrates on urban municipalities especially inner city areas but also covers new ground by starting to build a new theoretical framework for the spatial planning related assessment of these phenomena bringing together contributions from internationally renowned authors such as sir peter hall steve ward and johann jessen the book compares international case studies and highlights their relationships with one another it concludes by emphasizing common themes that are addressed as well as showing applicability to other urban and rural regions overall the book provides a timely and comprehensive analysis of the spatial consequences and related spatial planning concepts in theory and practice which aim to further sustainable development of city regions urban fringe and rural areas experiencing growth and decline

Parallel Patterns of Shrinking Cities and Urban Growth 2016-05-06 the issue of regionalization has become a crucial point in the process of european unification the region has attracted a wider audience but the term remains attached to a variety of different definitions linked to spatial historical social political and cultural discourses the macro trends of globalization the debate on political steering and the sociological perspective on the regionalization of life worlds however fit

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The City and the Region 2005 the networked polycentric mega city region is a fresh 21st century urban phenomenon developed around one or more cities of global status it is characterized by a cluster of cities and towns physically separate but intensively networked in a complex spatial division of labor this book analyzes eight such regions in north west europe

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The Polycentric Metropolis 2006 how should regional cities develop regional development strategies for their sustainable future how can such strategies work effectively regional cities are now at a crossroads will they decline or be regenerated under the impacts of globalization their sustainable regeneration as creative regional centers will play a decisive role in their sustainable development as a whole but only with viable regional spatial strategies that strengthen the network of cities and their hinterlands the concern here lies in urban regeneration and strategic spatial planning at the city region level this book records observations of 12 dynamically changing regional cities in asia europe and the united states the form of the city region urban regeneration and strategic spatial planning as well as the local and regional governance of each city are examined through this empirical and comparative analysis essential lessons are drawn which will add a new perspective to discussions on the sustainable future of regional cities in an age of globalization

Effects of Globalisation on City Regions 2005-05-18 this book explores cities and the intra regional relational dynamics often overlooked by urban scholars and it challenges common representations of urban development successes and failures gathering leading international scholars from europe australia and north america it explores the secondary city concept in urban development theory and practice and advances a research agenda that highlights uneven development concerns by emphasising the subordinate status of secondary cities relative to their dominant neighbours the

book raises new questions about regional development in the global north it considers alternative relations and development strategies that innovatively reimagine the subordinate status of secondary cities and showcase their full potential

Sustainable City Regions: 2008-04-17 throughout the world more policy making and the politics that shape it take place in the urban regions where most people live this book draws on eleven case studies of similar but disparate urban regions in france germany and the united states from the 1960s to the 1990s it documents the growth of this urban governance and develops a pioneering analysis of its causes and consequences it traces the origins to the expansion and devolution of policy making to local business mobilization and institutional interests in high tech and service activities and the incorporation of local social movements nation states shape the possibilities for this urban governance but operate increasingly as infrastructures for local initiatives where urban governance has succeeded in combining environmental quality and social inclusion with local prosperity local officials have built on supportive infrastructures from higher levels the local economy civil society and favourable positions in the global economy

Secondary Cities 2021-06-03 mega city regions are currently a frequent topic of discussion researchers are exploring the fundamentals for understanding the role of metropolitan regions and their social economic and cultural developments on a national and european basis the responsible decision makers in politics and business are calling for new measures for greater urban areas but that is just the start of the problem europe seems to lack an awareness for metropolitan regions for the majority of politicians planners institutions and residents the features of mega city regions remain invisible they are scarcely charted there are no concepts for representing them or any direct sensory understanding of them in everyday life the book is based on the understanding that the visual depiction of mega city regions is fundamental to identifying acting and developing within existing concentrations of urban populations through essays from various disciplines the book approaches the phenomenon and discusses the necessity to visualize mega city regions 203 illustrations

Governing from Below 2002-03-04 this report looks at how regions and cities across the oecd are progressing towards stronger economies higher quality of life for their citizens and more inclusive societies this edition presents regional and metropolitan updates for more than 40 indicators to assess disparities

The Image and the Region--making Mega-city Regions Visible! 2008 first published in 2011 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company

OECD Regions and Cities at a Glance 2018 2018-10-09 this book takes you on a unique journey through american history taking time to consider the forces that shaped the development of various cities and regions and arrives at an unexpected conclusion regarding sustainability from the american dream to globalization to the digital and information revolutions we assume that humans have taken control of our collective destinies in spite of potholes in the road such as the great recession of 2007 2009 however these attitudes were formed during a unique 100 year period of human history in which a large but finite supply of fossil fuels was tapped to feed our economic and innovation engine today at the peak of the oil age the horizon looks different cities

such as los angeles phoenix and las vegas are situated where water and other vital ecological services are scarce and the enormous flows of resources and energy that were needed to create the megalopolises of the 20th century will prove unsustainable climate change is a reality and regional impacts will become increasingly severe economies such as las vegas which are dependent on discretionary income and buffeted by climate change are already suffering the fate of the proverbial canary in the coal mine finite resources will mean profound changes for society in general and the energy intensive lifestyles of the us and canada in particular but not all regions are equally vulnerable to these 21st century megatrends are you ready to look beyond america s most livable cities to the critical factors that will determine the sustainability of your municipality and region find out where your city or region ranks according to the forces that will impact our lives in the next years and decades find out how resource availability and ecological services shaped the modern landscape emerging megatrends will make cities and regions more or less livable in the new century your city or region ranks on a sustainability map of the united states urban metabolism puts large cities at particular risk sustainability factors will favor economic solutions at a local rather than global level these principles apply to industrial economies and countries globally this book should be cited as follows j day c hall e roy m moersbaecher c d elia d pimentel and a yanez 2016 america s most sustainable cities and regions surviving the 21st century megatrends springer new york 348 p

Governance and Planning of Mega-City Regions 2015-03-31 this book investigates the ways in which city regions view themselves as single entities how they are governed what is meant by governance why the question of city regional governance matters and the extent to which the balance between internal and external factors is important for finding governance solutions examples from north america and europe are compared and contrasted to gain a better understanding of what matters on the ground to people and policy makers when seeking answers to the challenges of a globalised rapidly changing world in order to analyse the conditions involved in making local decisions the author looks at the impact of established policy making practices socio economic patterns among the population existing views of the local and the regional and their respective roles among the electorate and policy makers and the scope for building city regional governance under given statutory and fiscal provisions the complex interaction of these factors is shown to produce place specific forms and modi operandi for governing city regions as local regional constructs this book will be of interest to urban and regional policy makers and scholars working in the fields of economic geography and political geography

America's Most Sustainable Cities and Regions 2016-01-23 the region is back in town galloping urbanization has pushed beyond historical notions of metropolitanism city regions have experienced in edward soja s terms an epochal shift in the nature of the city and the urbanization process marking the beginning of the end of the modern metropolis as we knew it governing cities through regions broadens and deepens our understanding of metropolitan governance through an innovative comparative project that engages with anglo american french and german literatures on the subject of regional governance it expands the comparative angle from issues of economic competitiveness and social cohesion to topical and relevant fields such as housing and

transportation and it expands comparative work on municipal governance to the regional scale with contributions from established and emerging international scholars of urban and regional governance the volume covers conceptual topics and case studies that contrast the experience of a range of canadian metropolitan regions with a strong selection of european regions it starts from assumptions of limited conversion among regions across the atlantic but is keenly aware of the remarkable differences in urban regions path dependencies in which the larger processes of globalization and neo liberalization are situated and materialized

Cities, State and Globalisation 2014-01-03 planning canadian regions is the first book to consolidate the history evolution current practice and future prospects for regional planning in canada as planners grapple with challenges wrought by globalization the evolution of massive new city regions and the pressures for sustainable and community economic development a deeper understanding of canada s approaches is invaluable hodge and robinson identify the intellectual and conceptual foundations of regional planning and review the history and main modes of regional planning for rural regions economic development regions resource development regions and metropolitan and city regions they draw lessons from canada s past experience and conclude by proposing a new paradigm addressing the needs of regional planning now and in the future emphasizing regional governance greater inclusiveness and integration of physical planning with planning for economic sustainability and natural ecosystems planning canadian regions will be a much needed text for students and teachers of regional planning and an indispensable reference for planning practitioners it will also find a receptive audience in such disciplines as urban planning environmental studies geography political science public administration and economics

The City Region in Western Europe 1967 the blue economy is a major driver of urban and regional development creating millions of local jobs in water dependent sectors such as fisheries tourism and shipping however it can also contribute to carbon emissions and ecosystem degradation while its reliance on freshwater coastal and marine ecosystems exposes it to the impacts of climate change as the places where the blue economy takes place creates value and provides jobs cities and regions play a key role in unlocking the potential of a resilient blue economy that preserves the ecosystems that sustain it building on a global survey of 80 cities regions and basins this report highlights the costs and benefits of the blue economy at subnational level shedding light on the link between the blue economy and water security this analysis provides an overview of the multi level governance of the blue economy and related gaps it calls on cities and regions to develop resilient inclusive sustainable and circular risk proof blue economies by establishing the right governance conditions related to policy making policy coherence and policy implementation the report concludes with a risk assessment framework that offers a self evaluation tool for subnational governments

Governing Cities Through Regions 2016-12-12 is there a new learning economy this publication which views the debate from the perspective of a regional learning economy clearly answers in the affirmative

Planning Canadian Regions 2007-10-01 second rank cities are back on the academic scene capturing the interest of scholars with their unexpected recent performance with respect to first rank cities

looking at the data on average urban gdp growth in 139 european cities since 1996 the relatively strong position of large cities over 1.5 million inhabitants on national growth coincides with the periods of fastest expansion while at times of slowdown second rank cities prevail especially in the recent period of economic downturn second rank cities have recorded annual gdp growth rates much less negative than those of capital cities and in some european countries like austria and germany all cities have outperformed their capitals in explaining this phenomenon linking urban dynamics to agglomeration theories seems the most interesting approach however merely to link agglomeration economies to urban size in order to interpret urban performance is neither convincing nor sufficient and it calls for additional investigation into how agglomeration economies work this volume claims that interpretation of the current dynamics in european urban systems especially in the western part of europe would benefit from exploitation of the traditional concept of agglomeration economies however necessary for this purpose are more in depth considerations on the nature scope intensity and causes of agglomeration economies which do not relate their existence solely to urban size and this is where the main challenge for scholars lies in the interpretation of the missing link between agglomeration economies and urban dynamics this book was originally published as a special issue of european planning studies

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the world's cities offers instructors and students in higher education an accessible introduction to the three major perspectives influencing city regions worldwide city regions in a world system nested city regions and the city region as the engine of economic activity growth the book provides students with helpful essays on each perspective case studies to illustrate each major viewpoint and discussion questions following each reading the world's cities concludes with an original essay by the editor that helps students understand how an analysis incorporating a combination of theoretical perspectives and factors can provide a richer appreciation of the world's city dynamics

Cities and Regions in the New Learning Economy 2001-01-18 first published in 2000 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company

Medieval Regions and Their Cities 1972 this book provides a unique contribution to the science of sustainable societies by challenging the traditional concept of rural urban dichotomy it combines environmental engineering and landscape sciences perspectives on urban region issues making the book a unique work in urban study literatures today's extended urban regions often maintain rural features within their boundaries and also have strong social economic and environmental linkages with the surrounding rural areas these intra and inter linkages between urban and rural systems produce complex interdependences with global and local sustainability issues including those of climate change resource exploitation ecosystem degradation and human wellbeing planning and other prospective actions for the sustainability of urban regions therefore cannot solely depend on urban approaches rather they need to integrate broader landscape perspectives that take extended social and ecological systems into consideration this volume shows how to untangle diagnose and transform urban regions through distinctive thematic contributions across a variety of academic disciplines ranging from environmental engineering and geography to

landscape ecology and urban planning case studies selected from across the world and investigating urban regions in east asia europe north america and south east asia collectively illustrate shared and differentiated drivers of sustainability challenges and provide informative inputs to global and local sustainability initiatives

Second Rank Cities in Europe 2017-10-02 a key concern in the debate and empirical research on the geography of regions is the evolution of the conceptualizations and practical uses of the idea of region this idea prioritises both the intellectual and the practical development of regional studies this book drives the discussion further it stresses the complex forms of agency advocacy involved in the production and reproduction of regional spaces and space of regionalism as well as the importance of geohistory and context the book moves beyond the territorial relational divide that has characterized debates on regions and regional borders since the 1990s the contributors answer key questions from different conceptual and concrete contextual angles and to motivate readers to reflect on the perpetual significance of regional concepts and how they are mobilized by various actors to maintain or transform the contested spatialities of societal power relations this book was based on a special issue of regional studies

The World's Cities 2013 in recent years smartness has risen as a buzzword to characterize novel urban policy and development patterns as a result of this debates around what smart actually means both theoretically and empirically have emerged within the interdisciplinary arenas of urban and regional studies this book explores the changes in discourse rationality and selected responses of smartness through the theme of transition the concept of transition provides the broader context and points of reference for adopting smartness in reconciling competing interests and agendas in city regional governance using case studies from around the world including north america europe and south africa the authors link external regime transition in societal values and goals with internal moves towards smartness while reflecting the growing integration of overarching themes and analytical concerns this volume further develops work on smartness smart growth transition city regionalism governance and sustainability smart transitions in city regionalism explores how smart cities and city regions interact with conventional state structures it will be of great interest to postgraduates and advanced undergraduates across urban studies geography sustainability studies and political science

City-region 2020 2000 as global warming advances regions around the world are engaging in revolutionary sustainability planning but with social equity as an afterthought california is at the cutting edge of this movement not only because its regulations actively reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also because its pioneering environmental regulation market innovation and left coast politics show how to blend the three es of sustainability environment economy and equity planning sustainable cities and regions is the first book to explain what this grand experiment tells us about the most just path moving forward for cities and regions across the globe the book offers chapters about neighbourhoods the economy and poverty using stories from practice to help solve puzzles posed by academic research based on the most recent demographic and economic trends it overturns conventional ideas about how to build more livable places and vibrant economies that offer opportunity to all this thought provoking book provides a framework to deal with the new

inequities created by the movement for more livable and expensive cities so that our best plans for sustainability are promoting more equitable development as well this book will appeal to students of urban studies urban planning and sustainability as well as policymakers planning practitioners and sustainability advocates around the world

Sustainable Landscape Planning in Selected Urban Regions 2017-01-18 as place branding has become a widely established but contested practice there is a dire need to rethink its theoretical foundations and its contribution to development and to re assert its future this important new book advances understanding of place branding through its holistic critical and evidence based approach contributions by world leading specialists explore a series of crucially significant issues and demonstrate how place branding will contribute more to cultural economic and social development in the future the theoretical analysis and illustrative practical examples in combination with the accessible style make the book an indispensable reading for anyone involved in the field

Regional Worlds: Advancing the Geography of Regions 2017-10-02 empowering metropolitan regions through new forms of cooperation analyzes the development of cross border and cross sector partnerships in various european cities and regions it provides insight into the factors of failure and success in relation to the coalition forming process by comparing various attempts at this in european regions the comparative analysis of these attempts to establish cooperation between municipalities sheds light on the importance of a regional approach to governance in dealing with challenges that cross the borders of cities

Smart Transitions in City Regionalism 2018-03-22 over the last decades and in line with the adoption of the sustainable development goals sdgs in 2015 cities and regions have played an important part in helping to implement global agendas at local level through their decentralised development cooperation ddc activities

Planning Sustainable Cities and Regions 2014-09-15 this book deals with the development of cities and regions in times of decisive transformation in europe throughout these past twenty years

Rethinking Place Branding 2014-11-25 the theory and practice of modeling cities and regions as complex self organizing systems presenting widely used cellular automata based models theoretical discussions and applications cities and regions grow or occasionally decline and continuously transform themselves as they do so this book describes the theory and practice of modeling the spatial dynamics of urban growth and transformation as cities are complex adaptive self organizing systems the most appropriate modeling framework is one based on the theory of self organizing systems an approach already used in such fields as physics and ecology the book presents a series of models most of them developed using cellular automata ca which are inherently spatial and computationally efficient it also provides discussions of the theoretical methodological and philosophical issues that arise from the models a case study illustrates the use of these models in urban and regional planning finally the book presents a new dynamic theory of urban spatial structure that emerges from the models and their applications the models are primarily land use models but the more advanced ones also show the dynamics of population and economic activities and are integrated with models in other domains such as economics

demography and transportation the result is a rich and realistic representation of the spatial dynamics of a variety of urban phenomena the book is unique in its coverage of both the general issues associated with complex self organizing systems and the specifics of designing and implementing models of such systems

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