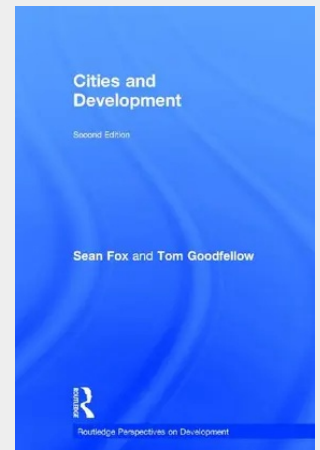


Cities and Development

For the first time in human history more people now live in towns and cities than in rural areas. In the wealthier countries of the world, the transition from predominantly rural to urban habitation is more or less complete. But in many parts of Africa, Asia and Latin America, urban populations are expanding rapidly. Current UN projections indicate that virtually all population growth in the world over the next 30 years will be absorbed by towns and cities in developing countries. These simple demographic facts have profound implications for those concerned with understanding and addressing the pressing global development challenges of reducing poverty, promoting economic growth, improving human security and confronting environmental change. This revised and expanded second edition of *Cities and Development* explores the dynamic relationship between urbanism and development from a global perspective. The book surveys a wide range of topics, including: the historical origins of world urbanization; the role cities play in the process of economic development; the nature of urban poverty and the challenge of promoting sustainable livelihoods; the complexities of managing urban land, housing, infrastructure and urban services; and the spectres of endemic crime, conflict and violence in urban areas. This updated volume also contains two entirely new chapters: one that examines the links between urbanisation and environmental change, and a second that focuses on urban governance and politics. Adopting a multidisciplinary perspective, the book critically engages with debates in urban studies, geography and international development studies. Each chapter includes supplements in the form of case studies, chapter summaries, questions for discussion and suggested further readings. The book is targeted at upper-level undergraduate and graduate students interested in geography, urban studies and international development studies, as well as policy makers, urban planners and development practitioners.

In the five years since the first edition of *Cities and Development* was published, awareness of the challenges associated with urban growth in the developing world has grown significantly. More than a billion of the world's people live in slums, a shocking statistic that is set to more than double within the next 20 years unless serious interventions are made. This has consequently become a key focus for international aid appeals and research. This revised edition of *Cities and Development* provides an updated critical review of the dynamic relationship between urbanism and development. Building on the success of the first edition, the authors have brought the chapters and the selection of literature up to date. Highlighting both the challenges and opportunities associated with rapid urban change, the book surveys: the historical relationship between urbanization and development; the role cities play in fostering economic growth in a globalizing world; the unique characteristics of urban poverty and the poor record of interventions designed to tackle it; the complexities of managing urban environments; issues of urban crime, violence, war and terrorism in contemporary cities; the importance of urban planning, governance and politics in shaping city futures.



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