

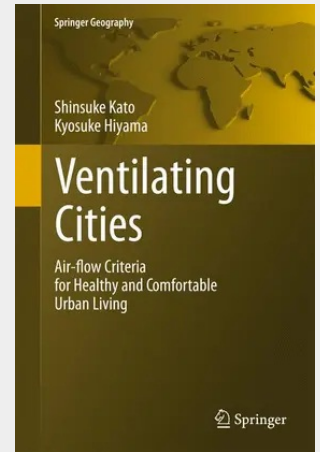
Ventilating Cities

Air-flow Criteria for Healthy and Comfortable Urban Living

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