

Dear Colleagues,

I have recently been approached by Bentham publishers to edit an e-book on the The Global Financial Crisis and the city-new spaces of socio-economic disadvantage. I am writing to you to gauge your interest in contributing to this project and have attached a brief outline of the proposed book. we envisage that the book will contain work that is both quantitative and/or qualitative in nature and are aiming to get a good geographic spread of contributions. If you are interested in preparing a chapter can you please let me know within the next week or so. also if you could put together a short abstract of your proposed chapter that would be a help.

Being an e-book we can expect publication early in 2010 and so would be looking for contributions to be finalised by November.

If you have other colleagues or graduate students who you think might be interested in preparing something please feel free to pass this information on to them.

regards

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**'The Global Financial Crisis and the city-new spaces of socio-economic disadvantage'**

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**Proposed Bentham e-book in the Series 'Contemporary issues in the social and human geography of the city'**

There can be little doubt that one of the most talked about issues of our time is the current global economic crisis. How this crisis will impact on the cities of the world is of interest, especially as the rate of urbanisation at a global scale continues unabated and the reach of the downturn continues. The global financial crisis will likely impact across several interlinked arenas, but is likely to have impacts and the shape and distribution of social equity, inclusion and exclusion in cities on a global scale.

Cities of the past have been under increasing pressure as a result of a range of factors including economic, demographic and policy impacts. The current economic crisis will refocus interest in understanding the social vulnerability of cities and may raise questions about the social sustainability of our current city forms and the lives of residents in disparate communities. This edited book will build on a rich history dedicated to understanding the big social questions that are associated with cities and urban life. Several key themes are suggested for inclusion in this edited book:

- social concentration and segregation in the city
- experiences of social exclusion and inclusion
- impacts of globalization and cosmopolitanism on city life
- social justice, civil society and civic renewal
- The dynamics of urban labour markets, including skill shortages, migrant labour, unemployment, and workplace relations;