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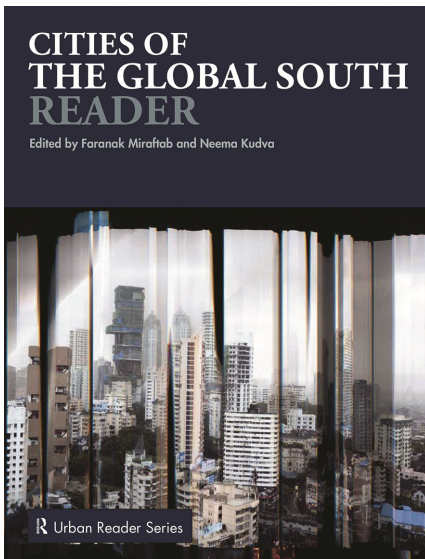
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The *Cities of the Global South Reader* adopts a fresh and critical approach to the field of urbanization in the developing world, which has seen significant shifts in its thematic and geographic focus since it first began to be defined in the mid-twentieth century. This Reader is thematically structured and pulls together a diverse set of readings from scholars across the world to provide both early conversations as well as new and emerging debates to reflect the diverse trajectories of urbanization processes in the context of the restructured global alignments in the last three decades.

“An innovative, exciting and timely contribution to the burgeoning literature on cities in the Global South combining classic papers of long-established vintage with new articles commissioned specifically for the volume. The conceptual and empirical ground covered is immense, but editors Faranak Miraftab and Neema Kudva not only succeed in providing excellent introductions to each of the book’s thirteen thematic sections, but also offer a rich yet accessible and integrated overview which highlights the diversity of issues and perspectives appropriate to understanding the complex terrain of urban dynamics in the ‘majority world’. This book will be indispensable to scholars of development and urban studies alike, as well as those in allied planning and policy fields.” – **Sylvia Chant, Professor**

of Development Geography at the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

“With contributions from a distinguished team of scholars, this balanced collection of mainstream and critical scholarly work will significantly add to understanding the historical-geographical contours of contemporary uneven development in a re-aligned global context. This invaluable reader combines old and new conceptual debates and empirical research while pushing beyond the limits of disciplinary specificity.” – **Greg Ruiters, Professor of Governance and Public Policy, University of Western Cape, South Africa**

“This timely volume brings together in a theoretically coherent structure indispensable materials and thorough commentary to understand the new contours of a fast urbanizing planet. It will become essential reading for students of urbanization.” – **Manuel Castells, Professor Emeritus of City & Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley, USA**

“The editors’ perspective of this excellent collection is that of development planning. The focus is the urban, and the reach is global. An outstanding feature is the editors’ introductions to each of the 12 major selections, which afford a deeper insight into the larger set of ideas from which the selections here are drawn. Admirably written in a crisp and accessible style, they provide a running narrative that pulls together the multiple themes touched upon in this volume, from informal production and splintered urbanism to urban citizenship and perspectives on citizen participation. The editors ask the key critical question: development for whom and for whose city? Their standpoint is clearly spelled out: it is the vast majority of those who inhabit the cities of the Global South. The volume’s 33 substantive chapters offer a welcome introduction to third world urbanism for both undergraduate and graduate students in development studies, urban geography, and planning.” – **John Friedmann, Professor emeritus at UCLA and Honorary Professor at the University of British Columbia**

“This Reader cultivates the sensibility that we live in one world, not three or four, and it is a world marked by deepening inequalities of various kinds which hurt the life chances of disadvantaged urban dwellers. The *Reader* has been crafted with academic precision as well as political passion and demands recognition for critical voices from the periphery. It will inspire those who dare to imagine the political potential of urbanism.” – **Bish Sanyal, Professor of Urban Development & Planning, Massachusetts Institute Of Technology, USA**

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