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Review

"This book is recommended to all those who are seeking to understand how planning, its practices and its 'thoughtworlds', might evolve into the next century." , , , Town Planning Review, Volume 70, Number 2#

Product Description

In an era of the globalization of finance, production and distribution networks, cities have become increasingly competitive. The business environments preferred by such international investment impact on the lives of citizens, on urban spaces, services, amenities and infrastructure. In the fight for the future of our cities, civil society has now entered the fray. Whether resisting the intrusion of both state and corporate economy into the life of neighbourhoods and communities or working with both government and the private sector in managing urban affairs, civil society lays claim to inclusion in a more democratic politics of planning. This political shift is refashioning planning. Planning is now recognized as more than simply a state regulatory process; it has become a political activity, central to the struggle towards more liveable cities. Cities for Citizens brings together leading names in planning today. The contributors present an international range of case studies - from the USA, Latin America, Europe and Asia-Pacific - which ground the exploration of ideas in the realities and struggles of everyday life.

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