

Qualitative GIS is coming of age, and this definitive collection explains why it deserves broad attention. These carefully selected essays ...will push readers to rethink not only their preconceptions about qualitative GIS, but also about GI science and critical GIS. GIS researchers, practitioners, observers and users will find much to chew on here.

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Geographic Information Systems are an essential tool for analyzing and representing quantitative spatial data. **Qualitative GIS** explains the recent integration of qualitative research with Geographical Information Systems. Following a detailed contextualizing introduction, **Qualitative GIS** is organized in three sections:

- **Representations:** examines how researchers are using GIS to create new types of representations; working with spatial data, maps, and other visualizations to incorporate multiple meanings and to provide texture and context.
- **Analytical Interventions and Innovations:** discusses the new techniques of analysis emerging at the intersections between qualitative research and GIS, in the wider context of a critical review of mixed methods in geographical research.
- **Conceptual Engagements:** questions how knowledge is produced, showing how ideas of 'science' and 'truth' inform research, and demonstrates how qualitative GIS can be used to interrogate discussions of power, community and social action.

An important addition to the mixed methods literature, **Qualitative GIS** will be the standard reference for upper-level students and researchers integrating qualitative methods and Geographic Information Systems.

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