



An Introduction to

Regional Geography

The idea of the region has been a core concept in geography from the time of the ancient Greeks to the present. In this volume, Paul Claval provides an introduction to the ways in which the regional concept has evolved from the synthesis of man/land interactions to an understanding of spatial organization at a variety of scales and for multiple purposes. He examines the ecological foundations of economic activity and relates this to individual and group imaginations, to regional identity and to cultural and political constructions.

This is a complete and penetrating survey, originally written in French by one of France's most prominent geographers, which draws on French, European and Anglo-Saxon intellectual traditions, and is illustrated by a wide range of examples from the most basic tribal societies to the complex modern structures of the global economy.

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