

Making Sense of Cities

A Geographical Survey



In the year 2000, for the first time, a majority of the world's population was living in cities. The trend towards increasing urbanization shows no signs of slowing, and the third millennium looks set to be an unprecedentedly urban one.

In this context, *Making Sense of Cities* provides an up-to-date, vibrant and accessible introduction to contemporary urban geography. It offers students a sense of the patterns and processes of urbanization and the spatial organization of cities, recognizing the significance of globalization, economics, politics and culture from a range of perspectives. Above all, it seeks to provide a relevant approach, inviting students to engage with competing theories of the urban and to assess them against the background of their own opinions and personal experience.

Examples and case studies are drawn from a range of international settings, from San Francisco to Shanghai, Sydney to Singapore, giving a genuinely global coverage. The book is written in a fresh and engaging style and is fully illustrated throughout. It is designed to appeal to any student of the urban and will be essential to students of geography, urban studies, town planning and land economy.

Key Features:

- Global coverage
- Offers a cross-cultural analysis of cities and urbanization
- Problem-centred approach emphasizes the relevance of urban geography to the problems arising in cities around the globe
- Presents a range of theories, encouraging students to make informed judgements
- Richly illustrated

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