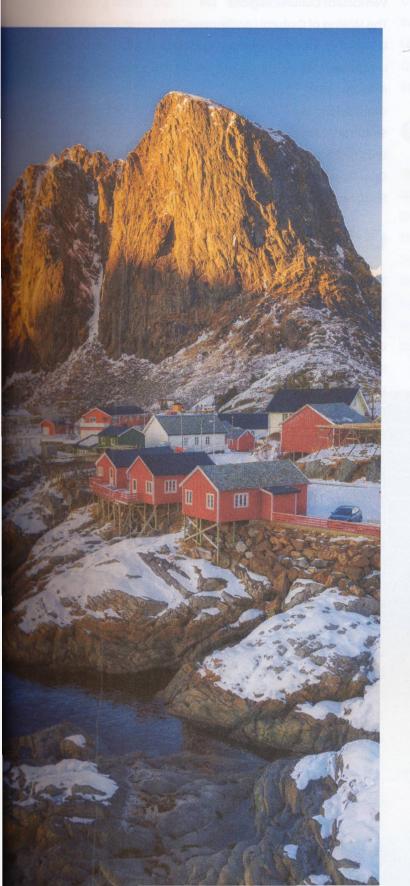
Contents



Figures, Tables, and Boxes ix Preface xiv Features xvii Acknowledgements xx About the Authors i

What Is Human Geography? 2

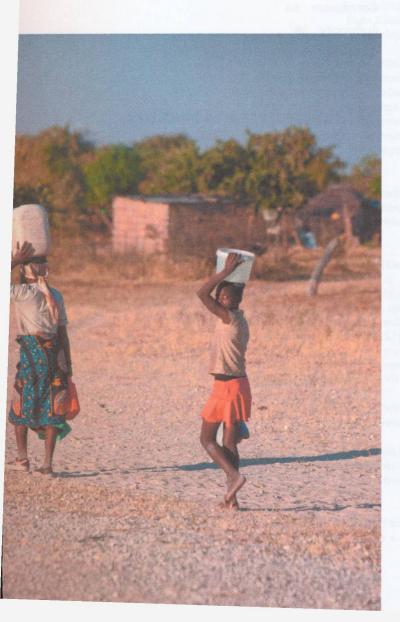
Defining Human Geography 6 Concepts: Space, Place, and Region 7 Concepts: Interaction, Communication, and Movement Geographic Tools 21 People and Places 34 Conclusion 34 Summary 36 Questions for Critical Thought 37 Suggested Readings 37

Population and Health Geography 38

Population Distribution 40 Population Dynamics 46 Fertility 47 Mortality 50 Natural Increase 54 Government Policies 55 The Composition of a Population 58 History of Population Growth 62 Explaining Population Growth 66 Migration 69 Health Geographies 75 Conclusion 83 Summary 83 Links to Other Chapters 85 Questions for Critical Thought 85 Suggested Readings 85

3 Uneven Development and Global Inequalities 86

Identifying Global Inequalities 88 Explaining Global Inequalities 95 Interpreting the Significance of Global Inequalities 98 Feeding the World 98 Refugees 106 Natural Disasters and Diseases 114 Prospects for Economic Growth 118 Striving for Equality, Fairness, and Social Justice 121 Conclusion 124 Summary 125 Links to Other Chapters 126 Questions for Critical Thought 126 Suggested Readings 127



4 Geographies of Culture and Landscape 128

A World Divided by Culture? 130 Formal Cultural Regions 130 Vernacular Cultural Regions 134 The Making of Cultural Landscapes 138 Cultural Variables: Language and Religion 142 Language 142 Religion 153 Conclusion 164 Summary 164 Links to Other Chapters 165 Questions for Critical Thought 166 Suggested Readings 166

5 Geographies of Identity and Difference 168

The Cultural Turn 170 The Myth of Race 172 Ethnicity 178 Gender 180 Sexuality 186 Identities and Landscapes 188 Geographies of Well-Being 190 Folk Culture and Popular Culture 197 Tourism 199 Conclusion 205 Summary 205 Links to Other Chapters 206 Questions for Critical Thought 207 Suggested Readings 207

6 Political Geography 208

State Creation 210 Geopolitics (and *Geopolitik*) 215 Unstable States 219 Groupings of States 229 The Role of the State 232 Elections: Geography Matters 234 The Geography of Peace and War 238 Our Geopolitical Future? 243 Conclusion 247 Summary 248 Links to Other Chapters 249 Questions for Critical Thought 249 Suggested Readings 249

7 An Urban World 250

An Urbanizing World 252 The Origins and Growth of Cities 263 The Location of Cities 268 Urban Systems and Hierarchies 271 Global Cities 277 Conclusion 281 Summary 282 Links to Other Chapters 283 Questions for Critical Thought 283 Suggested Readings 283

8 Urban Form and the Social Geography of the City 284

Explaining Urban Form 286 Housing and Neighbourhoods 294 Suburbs and Sprawl 302 Inequality and Poverty 306 Cities as Centres of Production and Consumption 310 Transportation and Communication 312 Planning the City 313 Cities of the Less Developed World 319 Conclusion 324 Summary 324 Links to Other Chapters 326 Questions for Critical Thought 326 Suggested Readings 327

Geographies of Food and Agriculture 328

The Geography of Food Production 330 Distance, Land Value, and Land Use 336 Domesticating Plants and Animals 339 The Evolution of World Agricultural Landscapes 342 World Agriculture Today: Types and Regions 350 Global Agricultural Restructuring 354 Food Production, Food Consumption, and Identity 359 Conclusion 363 Summary 364

