



Cities Of The World: Regional Patterns And Urban Environments by Stanley D. Brunn

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Remarkably, more than half of the world's population now lives in cities, and the numbers grow daily as people abandon rural areas. This fully updated and revised sixth edition of the classic text offers readers a comprehensive set of tools for understanding the urban landscape and, by extension, the world's politics, cultures, and economies. Providing a sweeping overview of world urban geography, noted experts explore the eleven major global regions. Each regional chapter considers urban history, economy, culture, and environment, as well as urban spatial models and problems and prospects. Each begins with a regional map that shows the major cities, a table providing basic statistical information about cities and urbanization in each region, and a list of ten salient points about that region's urban experience. Chapters conclude with a list of suggested reading for additional information about specific cities. This edition focuses specifically on urban environmental issues, social and economic injustice, security and conflict, the history of urban settlement, urban models, and daily life. Building on 2015 as the Year of Water, the book introduces urban water issues and concerns as a common undercurrent running through all chapters. The contributors explore how water affects cities and how cities affect water in their respective regions—from glacier loss to growing aridity, sea-level rise, increased flooding, potable water scarcity, and beyond. Vignettes of key cities give the reader a vivid understanding of daily life and the "spirit of place."

The opening chapter presents an overview of key terms and concepts and explores contemporary world urbanization, and a concluding chapter projects the world's urban future. Liberally illustrated

in full color with a new selection of photographs, maps, and diagrams, the text also includes a rich array of textboxes to highlight key topics such as gender and the city, Islamic fashion, and global warming. Clearly written and timely, *Cities of the World* will be invaluable for introductory or advanced classes on global cities, regional geography, the developing world, and urban studies.

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