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This text explores how architectural and urban design values have been co-opted by global cities to enhance their economic competitiveness by creating a superior built environment that is not just aesthetically memorable but more productive and sustainable. It focuses on the experience of central Sydney through its policy commitment to 'design excellence' and more particularly to mandatory competitive design processes for major private development. Framed within broader contexts that link it to comparable urban policy and design issues in the Asia-Pacific region and globally, it provides a scholarly but accessible volume that provides a balanced and critical overview of a policy that has changed the design culture, development expectations, public realm and skyline of central Sydney, raising issues surrounding the uneven distribution of benefits and costs, professional practice, representative democracy, and implications of globalization. *Overtourism as Destination Risk: Impacts and Solutions* presents a range of researcher perspectives discussing current issues in the overtourism debate, including unplanned expansion, construction, environmental imbalance and damage, pollution and deforestation, and measures and possible solutions to tackle the problem of overtourism. *Das Ziel der Untersuchung von Nadine Bitterer* ist die Aufdeckung handlungsanleitender Logiken und Praktiken, die eine zunehmende internationale Integration sowie scheinbar mobile Zirkulation von Immobilienanlagen ermöglichen. Am Beispiel des Büroimmobilienmarktes Warschaws, der gerade in den letzten zehn Jahren zu einem attraktiven Anlageziel professioneller institutioneller Immobilieninvestoren wurde, analysiert sie, wie lokale Märkte in eine sich zunehmend internationalisierende Immobilienwirtschaft integriert werden. Und dies vor dem Hintergrund einer zunehmenden Internationalisierung der Immobilienwirtschaft, die sowohl in einer enormen Ausweitung grenzüberschreitender Immobilieninvestitionen als auch in zunehmenden geographischen Ausdehnungen internationaler Verflechtungen von Immobilienmärkten sichtbar wird. This book explores the parallels between the Renaissance during the 14th to 16th centuries and the upheavals in human and physical sciences in the 21st Century that herald an insurgent entrepreneurial renaissance. The first Renaissance, conceived and developed in an urban environment, with the Medici family in Florence as pioneers, was a melting pot of art, culture, science and technology. It is in that context that entrepreneurship derived from artisan tradition and, hence, customized, was born to meet the demands and anticipate the needs of individual consumers. Starting with the mechanical technologies of the first industrial revolution, art, culture and science became separated from entrepreneurship. The latter took on Fordist features which depersonalized and, therefore, standardized the producer-consumer relationship. The emerging model of entrepreneurship returns to its origins in customization (e.g., 3D printing technologies, sharing/on-demand economy) strongly linked to the sequence "art-culture-science-technology." The road to a new entrepreneurial renaissance is traveled by cities with creative communities. These communities

actively participate in promoting international talent mobility, encouraging connections among the knowledge nomads who move around the world and the resources and talents rooted locally. Brought back to life under the conditions of the current age, entrepreneurship is once again woven into the fabric of art, culture, science and technology, and contributing to civic identity and pride. Featuring case studies from local experts that highlight innovative initiatives and developments in diverse cities around the world, this book aims to stimulate deep thought, theories and applications in the fields of entrepreneurship and innovation. Financial services in particular is one non-oil area where the emirate is starting to pull ahead, with recent growth in the Islamic financial services segment fuelling the emirate's ambition of becoming the knowledge-based capital of the Islamic economy in the future. Meanwhile, Dubai's real estate and construction sectors, which were badly affected by the 2008 financial meltdown, are once again thriving as the legacies of the global crisis recede, and the debts incurred from that time are repaid and restructured. Indeed Dubai is now firmly focused on the future, with preparations for Dubai Expo 2020 in particular helping nourish its economic recovery, development and growth in recent years. The event is expected to attract 25m visitors over a six-month period and the build-up is driving development across several sectors. The preparations, The second edition of Corporate Real Estate Asset Management is fully up to date with the latest thought and practice on successful and efficient use of corporate office space. Written from an occupier's perspective, the book presents a ten-point CREAM model that offers advice on issues such as sustainability, workplace productivity, real estate performance measurement, change management and customer focus. In addition, new case studies provide real-life examples of how corporations in the UK, USA, Hong Kong and Abu Dhabi actively manage their corporate real estate. The book is aimed at advanced undergraduate and graduate students on corporate real estate, facilities management and real estate courses and international MBA programmes. This fourth edition of Urban Planning and Real Estate Development guides readers through the procedural and practical aspects of developing land from the point of view of both planner and developer. The twin processes of planning and property development are inextricably linked – it is not possible to carry out a development strategy without an understanding of the planning process, and, equally, planners need to know how real estate developers do their job. The planning system is explained, from the increasing emphasis on spatial planning at a national, local, and neighbourhood level down to the detailed perspective of the development management process and the specialist requirements of historic buildings and conservation areas. At the same time, the authors explain the entire development process from inception, through appraisal, valuation, and financing, to completion. Sustainability and corporate social responsibility and their impact on planning and development are covered in detail, and the future consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic are explored in new opening and closing chapters setting the text in a global context. Written by a team of authors with many years of academic, professional, and research experience, and illustrated throughout with practical case studies and follow-up resources, this book is an invaluable textbook for real estate and planning students and helps to meet the requirements of the RICS and RTPI Assessment of Professional Competence. Egypt's history has been marked by a host of dynasties, empires, regimes and governments, and it remains a leading regional power today. Since 2011 a state of transition has become a more or less permanent feature of Egypt's political scene. However, the political situation seemed to have stabilised in late 2014, particularly after Abdel Fattah El Sisi was sworn in as president. A parliamentary election is expected in the first half of 2015, under the new constitution. In many respects 2014 marked the transition from strong recovery to promising growth for Dubai. With many exciting projects in the pipeline, not least the hosting of Expo 2020, the emirate is continuing to build on its reputation as a dynamic and international centre for business. Already a regional and global centre for business and finance, Dubai's reputation has been bolstered by the MSCI's decision to upgrade the UAE from frontier to emerging market status in 2014, while the emirate's successful Expo 2020 bid is expected to generate myriad opportunities for private investors across a range of sectors. Construction is thriving once again, driven in large part by strong retail sector growth, with various projects, including plans for the world's largest mall, indicating that the sector will maintain its position as the emirate's biggest GDP contributor moving forward. The transport and logistics framework is set for major expansion in the coming years as well, furthering cementing the emirate's status as a leading transport and logistics hub not just regionally, but globally too. The continued development of Dubai's retail and hospitality offerings, alongside the upgrades to its airports, should help to ensure robust growth in visitor numbers from both the region and further afield. This book explores the innovative workplaces, namely

coworking spaces and makerspaces, that are emerging as a consequence of digital innovations and the related development of the knowledge economy and society in the wake of deindustrialization. Drawing on international and multidisciplinary research projects, fresh insights are provided into current trends, research methodologies, actors, location patterns and effects, and urban and regional policies and planning. The aim is to cast light on all aspects of these new working and making spaces, highlighting their innovative geographies and the complexities of their nexus with urban and regional change processes from both the theoretical and the empirical point of view. The book includes multiple illuminating case studies from the advanced economies of North America and Europe, carefully selected for their relevance to the topic under analysis. This book is designed for an international audience comprising not only academicians but also policymakers, representatives of civil and entrepreneurial associations, and business operators. Cities in a World Economy, Fifth Edition examines the emergence of global cities as a new social formation. As sites of rapid and widespread developments in the areas of finance, information and people, global cities lie at the core of the major processes of globalization. The book reflects the most current data available and explores recent debates such as the role of cities in mitigating environmental problems, the global refugee crisis, Brexit, and the rise of Donald Trump in the United States. Este libro es representante de una corriente paulatinamente vigente en la realidad mundial y, por tanto, en los estudios de las relaciones internacionales; se convierte también en pionero de tales temas en la academia de Jalisco. Lo que propone Actores locales, impactos globales: aportes académicos en paradiplomacia, es imaginar que los estudios hechos desde las relaciones internacionales puedan tocar tierra inmediata. La tradición de análisis geopolíticos, diplomáticos, de política exterior, continúan teniendo un lugar privilegiado en el universo de esta ciencia social, pero el mundo cambia y el principal cambio es que el Estado, con mayúscula, ha venido cediendo espacio de actor global privilegiado que acaparaba la atención intelectual hacia otros espacios, los espacios inmediatos, los que directamente nos competen, en los cuales se siente el impacto de la toma de decisiones mundiales. Slow economic growth has characterised Mexico's economic performance for much of the past decade. Taking office in December 2012, the government of Enrique Peña Nieto set out to boost Mexico's competitiveness with a package of structural reforms affecting a number of sectors, including energy, telecommunications, tax, labour and education. The package's most eye-catching component was a constitutional reform designed to end decades of state monopoly in the oil and gas sector and attract investment from major international oil companies. Though low oil prices and a degree of nervousness over the potential effects of monetary tightening in the US have dampened initial investor and market enthusiasm over the reforms, the outlook for the Mexican economy remains stable, with demand from the US expected to support Mexican activity, despite low domestic demand and business confidence. This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Development and Management in Northeast Asia" that was published in Sustainability. This book is dedicated to real estate scholastic work, in advancing the greater understanding of real estate investment analysis. This is because there has been limited research in bringing out clearly the uncertainty or risk, which is quantifiable uncertainty in real estate market analysis. Even real estate market research, which is carried out as an industry practice among private real estate researchers, is no exception. Another reason is that it has been widely accepted that while the financial revolution has substantially changed many sectors of the financial industry, it has made little impact on real estate development and investment practice as well as scholastic work. Furthermore, while it is readily acknowledged that despite its huge share in the world, real estate investment discipline and research is on the whole still a poorly researched subject area. As a result, the industry tends to be dominated by traditional real estate analysts with little understanding of real estate market uncertainty and capital markets. These commentators are widely regarded to spend too much time worrying about local space supply and demand conditions, while totally losing sight of the everchanging real estate market and capital market conditions. The theme of this book is real estate investment analysis of direct and indirect real estate, which in turn can be appropriately managed under economic theory and the theoretical conceptions of real estate finance, provided the uncertainty is quantifiable. The book deploys case studies involving Singapore and Asia. This Black over White background framework enables real estate market analysis to attempt what defines the Asian direct and indirect real estate sectors; what is being measured; how it behaves (in terms of price and non-price factors); how it is structured and how it effectively achieves the objectives of sustainable total returns and manageable real estate market uncertainty. Managing real estate market uncertainty optimally is achieved at the portfolio level through real

estate asset allocation. This is important because the real estate portfolio is able to virtually eliminate the unique (i.e. specific) uncertainties among the various Asian real estate sectors; thus retaining within the portfolio only the systemic (i.e. market-wide) uncertainty. Apart from real estate asset allocation, the alternative and modern approach to risk management at the portfolio level, is the value-at-risk (VaR) approach. Another modern and important alternative to coping with uncertainty is real option analysis and pricing that help to better define real estate market uncertainty in extent and time. Real option analysis and pricing also represent uncertainty via a decision tree and the risk-neutral probability conception, in order to comprehend how uncertainty impacts on the value of real estate investment decisions. The pricing of uncertainty is based on the risk-free hedge security conception. These are best examined at the micro level of the investment in a real estate development opportunity on vacant land. Nevertheless, the real estate sectors in Singapore and Asia offer promising prospects since the Asian currency crisis of 1997. It is now timely to take stock and make an assessment of how the sectors would pan out for the future, ill into at least rest the next century. I am very pleased to present our thinking and research in international real estate with particular emphasis on Asia. The region's vast potential for real estate is itself a large incentive for international real estate research and education that has inspired me to document the significant work I have done over the years. Black over White background ix I wish all readers a pleasurable reading of this book, and I thank you sincerely for your support without which the publication of this book would be made all the more difficult. Dr HO, Kim Hin / David Honorary Professor (University of Hertfordshire, UK) (International Real Estate & Public Policy) March 2021. This book addresses the South African Space Economy and its stark disparities and dualisms through an assessment of the Gauteng City-Region – the largest economic agglomeration in the country and on a continent bedevilled by a myriad of development challenges. The book's focus on understanding the overall character of Gauteng City-Region's Space Economy – through data mining/analysis and mapping – comprehensively supplements the Space Economy literature on the region. It covers the disparities exacerbated by an overlay of apartheid planning ideology and top-down regional development based on selective encouragement of manufacturing investments in growth points or poles and how implementation of past policies intended to cure these disparities have yielded mixed results. This book further offers the Gauteng City-Region as a microcosm of the national economy in the form of evident significant place-based variations in the intensity and character of economic structure that on the one hand enjoys massive agglomeration economies, while on the other, has high levels of poverty and large numbers of people living below the Minimum Living Level. This book should appeal to urban studies specialists, economists and development studies researchers in the Global South. MANAGEMENT, 12E, takes a functional, skills-based approach to the process of management with a focus on active planning, leading, organizing and controlling. Griffin carefully examines today's emerging management topics, including the impact of technology, importance of a green business environment, ethical challenges, and the need to adapt in changing times. This edition builds on proven success to help strengthen your management skills with a balance of classic theory and contemporary practice. Numerous new and popular cases and learning features highlight the challenges facing today's managers. Hundreds of well-researched contemporary examples, from Starbucks to The Hunger Games to professional baseball, vividly demonstrate the importance of strong management to any type of organization. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. Key initiatives include a privatisation programme which would see the divestment of a number of state-owned giants, such as the partial listing of Aramco, the creation of the world's largest sovereign wealth fund and the increased participation of women in the job market. The Kingdom has played a key role too on the international stage in 2017, becoming the first country to host President Trump, a visit which resulted in renewed trade and investment commitments on both sides. Meanwhile the country's importance as a trading hub continues to grow thanks to both the various infrastructural upgrades that are taking place to its ports and airports, as well as its geographical advantage as a connector of three continents and its proximity to the Red Sea – through which 10% of world trade travels. Why have some cities become great global urban centers, and what cities will be future leaders? From Athens and Rome in ancient times to New York and Singapore today, a handful of cities have stood out as centers of global economic, military, or political power. In the twenty-first century, the number of truly global cities is greater than ever before, reflecting the globalization of both economic and political power. In *Global Cities: A Short History*, Greg Clark, an internationally renowned British urbanist, examines the enduring forces—such as trade, migration, war,

and technology—that have enabled some cities to emerge from the pack into global leadership. Much more than a historical review, Clark’s book looks to the future, examining the trends that are transforming cities around the world as well as the new challenges all global cities, increasingly, will face. Which cities will be the global leaders of tomorrow? What are the common issues and opportunities they will face? What kinds of leadership can make these cities competitive and resilient? Clark offers answers to these and similar questions in a book that will be of interest to anyone who lives in or is affected by the world’s great urban areas.

Inhaltsangabe: Einleitung: Das weltweite Luftverkehrsaufkommen wächst stetig. Internationale Flughäfen sehen sich mit wachsenden Kapazitätsanforderungen konfrontiert. Gleichzeitig steigt jedoch auch der Wettbewerb unter den Flughäfen, um Passagiere, Airlines, Fracht. Einige sind keine reinen Luftverkehrsdienstleister mehr, sondern haben ihr Angebot auch auf den Bodentransport verlagert und kombinieren Hochgeschwindigkeitstrassen und Autobahnknoten an einem Standort. Als Pendant zu den Bahnhöfen, welche Ende des 19. Jahrhunderts in ihrem direkten Umfeld wirtschaftliche Aktivität und Stadtwachstum generierten: Sind Flughäfen die neuen Wachstumspole in den Metropolregionen Europas? Seit einiger Zeit wird für die Entwicklung in Flughafennähe der Begriff Airport-City gebraucht. Einige Standorte vermarkten sogar ihre Masterpläne zur Erweiterung offen unter dieser Marke. Eine einheitliche Definition für den Begriff existiert noch nicht. Ziel dieser Arbeit ist es, diesen Begriff exakt zu definieren und Messgrößen zu ermitteln mit denen sich Standorte in Europa hinsichtlich einer Einordnung als Airport-City prüfen lassen. Dabei werden konkret folgende Fragen gestellt: Was ist eine Airport-City? Welche Merkmale beschreiben eine Airport-City? Wie können diese Merkmale gemessen werden? Die Definition wird mittels Literaturrecherche hergeleitet. Dabei werden Forschungsarbeiten und Publikationen von Fachverbänden ausgewertet. Anhand des geografischen Stadtbegriffs erfolgt eine Prüfung, aus deren Ergebnissen sich Merkmale für eine Airport-City ableiten lassen. Für die Bewertung der Merkmale werden im Kapitel 0 Indikatoren ermittelt und Sollwerte festgelegt. Dabei wird zwischen notwendigen und zusätzlichen Merkmalen unterschieden. Im Anschluss daran werden die europäischen Flughäfen hinsichtlich der aufgestellten Merkmale untersucht. Kapitel 5 gibt eine Auswertung der Prüfergebnisse und formuliert Mindestanforderungen und Ausprägungen der Airport-Cities. Kapitel 6 schließt mit einer kurzen Zusammenfassung die Arbeit ab.

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3. Operationalisierung durch [...] This book very specifically focuses on technology application in tourism in Asia. The book contains twenty-seven chapters in four sections (i.e., theories, innovations, practices, and future research directions), based on the intriguing qualities and importance of technology applications in the Asian tourism business. This book, a blend of comprehensive and extensive efforts by the contributors and editor, is designed to extensively cover technology applications in tourism in Asia, including distinct topics such as mobile computing, new product designs, innovative technology usages in tourism promotion, technology-driven sustainable tourism development, location-based apps, mobility, accessibility, the post crisis situation of COVID-19, etc. This book is a significant contribution towards the very limited knowledge of technology applications in tourism, with selected examples of Asian countries. The importance of technology in Asian tourism is rapidly increasing, and has led to a rise in luxury, allowing citizens to enjoy leisure travel over both long and short distances. The rise of low-cost airlines and the region’s growing, affluent middle class have changed the tourism environment dramatically. More tourists are booking their holidays online as a result of technological advancements. Online travel is the most important and well-established aspect of Asia’s Internet economy. Considering the ongoing trend of technology applications in the tourism industry in Asia, more research attempts like this book need to be made aiming towards exploring diverse aspects. As tourism is an expanding area, this book can serve as a reading companion for tourism students, policy planners and industry professionals. This book is expected to be appreciated by expatriate researchers and researchers having a keen interest in the Asian tourism industry. In 2018 the Indonesian economy recorded a growth rate of 5.2%, the highest in five years. This was in spite of a slump in the rupiah and a trade imbalance, and took place against a backdrop of rising US interest rates and deteriorating trade relations between the world’s two biggest economies. The country’s emphasis on industrialisation and infrastructure development is laying the foundations for continued economic growth. Moreover, the archipelago’s growing middle class population,

geographical position and human capital development agenda, alongside progress in free-trade agreements, make it a strong contender on the global economic stage. The country holds considerable potential for developing entrepreneurial and creative prowess, already being home to four unicorn startups. Investors have continued to look beyond traditional destinations, with emerging cities like Surabaya and Palembang showing strong possibilities for economic growth. Although the outcome of the April 2019 national election will determine the course of further infrastructure development and tax reforms, the future looks promising, with predictions of continued growth accompanied by stable inflation. Covering the proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Urban Regeneration and Sustainability held in Alicante, Spain, this volume addresses the multidisciplinary aspects of urban planning; a result of the increasing size of cities, the amount of resources and services required and the complexity of modern society. Most of the earth's population live in cities and the process of urbanisation still continues to generate problems originating from the drift of the population towards them. These problems can be resolved by cities becoming efficient habitats, saving resources in a way that improves the standard of living. The process faces a number of challenges related to reducing pollution and improving main transportation and infrastructure systems. These challenges can contribute to the development of social and economic imbalances and require the development of new solutions. Large cities are probably the most complex mechanisms to manage, nevertheless they represent a productive ground for architects, engineers, city planners, and social and political scientists able to conceive new ideas and time them according to technological advances and human requirements. The Sustainable City XI follows a succession of very successful international conferences and covers the following fields: Urban planning and design; Urban development and management; Urban conservation and regeneration; The community and the city; Eco-town planning; Landscape planning and design; Environmental management; Sustainable energy and the city; Transportation Quality of life; Socio-economic and political considerations; Cultural quarters and interventions; Waterfront development; Case studies – sustainable practices; Architectural issues; Cultural heritage issues; Appropriate technologies for smart cities; Planning for resilience; Disaster and emergency response; Urban safety and security; Waste management; Urban infrastructure and Urban metabolism. The term smart city has become a buzzword. City planners develop ubiquitous connectivity through Wi-Fi hotspots, establish science parks, introduce bike and car sharing, and push entrepreneurship. All this is happening under the flagship of becoming a knowledge city. This book investigates the digital and cognitive infrastructure of 31 cities and how they meet the demands of the knowledge society in an increasingly digitized environment. Karnataka Current Affairs Yearbook 2020 1. Introduction of Karnataka 2. Current Affairs (Whole Year) 3. Practice MCQ We will update this book regularly on monthly basis. It gives us immense pleasure in presenting the Karnataka Current Affairs Yearbook 2020, Useful for competitive exams. This book deals with the relevant features and topics of Current affairs of State in a systematic and comprehensive manner by the use of simple and concise language for easy and quick understanding. We hope that the readers will find this book user friendly and helpful in preparation of their examinations. I look forward to have the views, comment, suggestions and criticism from readers which would definitely help in further improvement of the Book. I would like to heartfelt thanks to all my team members for their efforts to prepare this book. Karnataka Current Affairs/General Knowledge Yearbook 2020 has become an integral part of a lot of entrance exams being conducted at the graduate and under-graduate levels. It is very important for students to remain updated on the current happenings in their surroundings especially those that are important from the perspective of state. Current Affairs Yearbook 2020, a thoroughly revised, reorganised, updated and ENLARGED edition, presents a comprehensive study of all the sections that are covered under the subject of General Knowledge. The Yearbook 2020 provides the latest information & most authentic data reference material on Current Affairs and General Knowledge. It has specially been designed to cater to aspirants of various competitive exams across the state. The material has been written in a lucid language and prepared as per the requirements of the various competitive exams. 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given in bulleted points wherever necessary to make the content easy to grasp. The book has ample tabular charts, mind Maps, Graphic Illustrations which further makes the learning process flexible and interesting. Must Have for Multiple Reasons: The Current Affairs Mega Yearbook 2020 is a Must-Have book for all kinds of Objective & Descriptive Tests, Essay Writing and Group Discussions & Personal Interviews, The Karnataka General Knowledge section provides crisp and to-the-point information in Geography, History, Polity, Economy, General Science, etc. which otherwise could be very exhaustive. Useful for Karnataka PSC and Other Competitive Exams 2020 Wish you happy reading and best wishes for the examinations. This book examines how representations of African in the Anglophone West have changed in the post-imperial age. The period since the Second World War has seen profound changes in sub-Saharan Africa, notably because of decolonization, the creation of independent nation-states and the transformation of the relationships with the West. Using a range of case studies from news media, maps, popular culture, film and TV the contributions assess how narrative and counter-narratives have developed and been received by their audiences in light of these changes. Examining the overlapping areas between media representations and historical events, this book will be of interest to students and scholars of African Studies and Media and Cultural Studies. This two-volume set offers a comprehensive overview of major challenges faced by cities worldwide in the 21st century, and how cities in different geographic, economic, and political conditions are finding solutions to them. • Offers students more than a simple A–Z encyclopedia of the world's major cities by delving deep into the issues that these urban centers face • Includes approximately 100 entries on a multitude of issues in a variety of cities around the world, from Abu Dhabi to Zurich • Includes photographs to help to illuminate and provide visual support to the text • Features entries written by more than 30 scholars with backgrounds in a variety of disciplines, contributing to a well-rounded, comprehensive text This book brings together a broad range of research that interrogates how real estate market analysis, finance, planning, and investment for residential and commercial developments across the African continent are undertaken. In the past two decades, African real estate markets have rapidly matured, creating the conditions for new investment opportunities which has increased the demand for a deeper understanding of the commercial and residential markets across the continent. The chapters consider issues that pertain to formal real estate markets and the critical relationship between formal and informal property markets on the continent. With contributing authors from South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania, the book considers the achievements of African real estate markets while also highlighting the complex central themes such as underdeveloped land tenure arrangements, the availability of finance in both the commercial and residential sectors, rapidly growing urban areas, and inadequate professional skills. This book is essential reading for students in real estate, land management, planning, finance, development, and economics programs who need to understand the nuances of markets in the African context. Investors and policy makers will learn a lot reading this book too. While the presidential and parliamentary elections in 2015 instigated a wait-and-see approach within Sri Lanka's private sector, the outcome is expected to be positive in the longer term, bringing improved stability and a more encouraging environment for foreign investment. Under what has been described as a more liberal, open and business-oriented government, Sri Lanka is entering a period in which it stands to grow rapidly. In 2016 the country should begin to see the benefits of the recent reform agenda, as the new leadership introduces policies that will help bring about strong and sustainable growth. The present book highlights studies that show how smart cities promote urban economic development. The book surveys the state of the art of Smart City Economic Development through a literature survey. The book uses 13 in depth city research case studies in 10 countries such as the North America, Europe, Africa and Asia to explain how a smart economy changes the urban spatial system and vice versa. This book focuses on exploratory city studies in different countries, which investigate how urban spatial systems adapt to the specific needs of smart urban economy. The theory of smart city economic development is not yet entirely understood and applied in metropolitan regional plans. Smart urban economies are largely the result of the influence of ICT applications on all aspects of urban economy, which in turn changes the land-use system. It points out that the dynamics of smart city GDP creation takes 'different paths,' which need further empirical study, hypothesis testing and mathematical modelling. Although there are hypotheses on how smart cities generate wealth and social benefits for nations, there are no significant empirical studies available on how they generate urban economic development through urban spatial adaptation. This book with 13 cities research studies is one attempt to fill in the gap in knowledge base. Cities are experiencing unprecedented times.

In addition of managing the best possible post-pandemic recovery, Cities are at the beginning of the 4th industrial revolution, and all want to play a relevant role in it. To achieve this, they must retain and attract the necessary talent. There is a fierce competition where cities transform to become as attractive as possible. But what makes a city attractive (from emotional and rational sides) to talented citizens? For mayors and city directors: how can I prepare my city for this goal? What kind of transformations in the medium-long term should I develop? And in the short term, what processes and technologies (SmartCity) should I put in place? And from the point of view of citizens: how do I choose the best city to develop my full potential? Which one offers me the best citizenship contract? Where am I going to enjoy the best services with the highest quality of life and lower taxes/cost of life? In addition, the city must be attractive, with a strong identity and dynamism and promising future. Can I find the cities that best suit my aesthetic and emotional preferences, and that also offer me the services that I consider a priority at the lowest cost to my pocket? Find all the answers in this book. This book reviews the structure, applications, technologies, governance, environmental sustainability, smart communities, gender space and other issues related to smart cities. The book is divided into four parts. The first one entails the conceptual background, growth and development. The second part presents diverse issues on smart cities in terms of environmental sustainability, the role of the community, and gender space, among others. The third part revolves around economic and technological issues, and the fourth is a compilation of case studies in connection with smart cities. This collection of diverse issues from different locations presents a holistic view of smart cities contributed by authors who have undertaken research projects and implemented their own unique perspectives and methods. A variety of innovative concepts such as digital governance, polycentric structures, geodata repositories, geoweb services and advanced geospatial technologies in smart city planning, urban microclimatic parameters, and urban heat islands provide invaluable knowledge for researchers and practitioners in these fields. Home to an estimated 15.9% of the world's proven oil reserves, Saudi Arabia is the single largest economy in the Middle East and North Africa. According to the Ministry of Finance, real GDP grew by 3.8% to \$746bn in 2013. While oil income is expected to continue to account for the majority of government revenues for the foreseeable future, the non-oil sector has expanded significantly in recent decades growing 9.3% in 2013. Indeed, while some Western countries may be seeing a return to cautious optimism and leading emerging economies are weighing the potential impact on capital flows of tapering in the US Federal Reserve's quantitative easing programme, Saudi Arabia is seeing sustained growth buoyed by high global oil prices and internal investment in its own infrastructure. Some 15 years after Saudi Arabia attended the inaugural meeting of G20 countries, its key economic indicators make it the envy of many other member states. Given the size of Saudi economy within the regional and indeed global market, OBG looks in depth at bilateral trade between ASEAN nations and the GCC. This work considers the city as a gendered space and examines women's experiences and engagement in both urbanization and sustainability. Such a focus offers distinctive insights into the question of what it means for a city to be sustainable, asking further how sustainability needs to work with gender and the gendered lives of cities' inhabitants. Vitaly, it considers women's lives in cities and their work to forge more sustainable cities through a wide variety of means, including governmental, non-governmental and local grassroots and individual efforts towards sustainable urban life. The volume is transnational, offering case-studies from a wide range of city sites and sustainability efforts. It explores crucial questions such as the gendered nature and women's experiences of current urbanization; the gendered nature of urban sustainability thinking and programmes; and local alternatives and resistances to dominant modes of addressing urbanization challenges. Dubai has continued to meet its targets in becoming the global capital of Islamic finance, nearly doubling the number of sukuk (Islamic bonds) listings on its exchanges since 2017. Furthermore, eased policy restrictions to encourage foreign investment and the 2019 budget's continued commitment to infrastructure development ahead of Expo 2020 are expected to continue driving economic activity. As one of the most diversified economies in the region, Dubai continues to present growth opportunities in various sectors including tourism, logistics, manufacturing and education. Although the emirate has benefitted from its proximity to oil and gas fields, Dubai is right at the forefront of the emerging cleaner energy world, and developing and promoting renewable technologies, including solar energy and electric vehicles.

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