

Contesting Neoliberalism

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"From South Africa to Slovakia, from Calgary to Cancun, the studies in this book provide crucial insight into the roots and trajectory of the neoliberal project as it shapes—and is shaped by—the 'urban frontier.' Here, the authors show, the policies that put neoliberalism on the map run smack up against a full range of progressive struggles to transcend and transform a world in which it often seems like there are no alternatives. *Contesting Neoliberalism* will contest much of what you think you know about contemporary urban policy and its geography."

— Don Mitchell, Syracuse University

"This engaged and decentered account opens up possibilities for radical change as well as new theoretical insights. Leitner et al. highlight the ongoing constitution of neoliberalism, pointing in particular to its multiple different incarnations on the ground as well as its formation and reformation through urban struggle.... This book demonstrates the importance of thinking empirically and spatially in order to come to grips with this powerful and ever-evolving doctrine."

—Katharyne Mitchell, University of Washington

Neoliberalism's "market revolution"—realized through practices like privatization, deregulation, fiscal devolution, and workfare programs—has had a transformative effect on contemporary cities. The consequences of market-oriented politics for urban life have been widely studied, but less attention has been given to how grassroots groups, nongovernmental organizations, and progressive city administrations are fighting back. In case studies written from a variety of theoretical and political perspectives, this book examines how struggles around such issues as affordable housing, public services and space, neighborhood sustainability, living wages, workers' rights, fair trade, and democratic governance are reshaping urban political geographies in North America and around the world.

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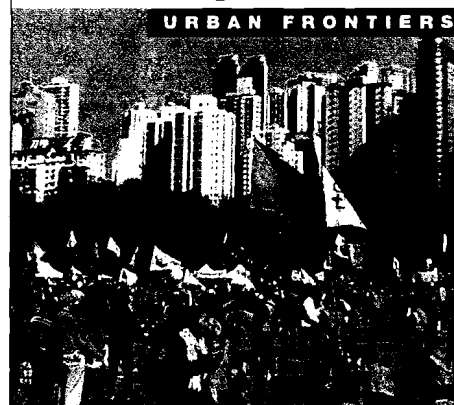
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