

# THE SUBURBAN LAND QUESTION

## A Global Survey

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When discussing the suburbs and the process of suburbanization – namely, the conversion of rural land to urban use – most writers focus on particular countries in the northern hemisphere, implying that patterns and processes elsewhere are fundamentally different. The purpose of *The Suburban Land Question* is to identify the common elements of global suburban development, focusing on issues associated with the scale and pace of rapid urbanization around the world.

The contributors to the volume draw on a variety of sources, including official data, planning documents, newspapers, interviews, photographs, and field observations, to explore the patterns, processes, and planning of suburban land development. Featuring case studies from China, India, Latin America, South Africa, as well as France, Austria, the Netherlands, the United States, and Canada, this volume discusses the peculiarly transitional character of suburban land and addresses the many elements that distinguish land development in urban fringe areas, including economy, social infrastructure, and legality.

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