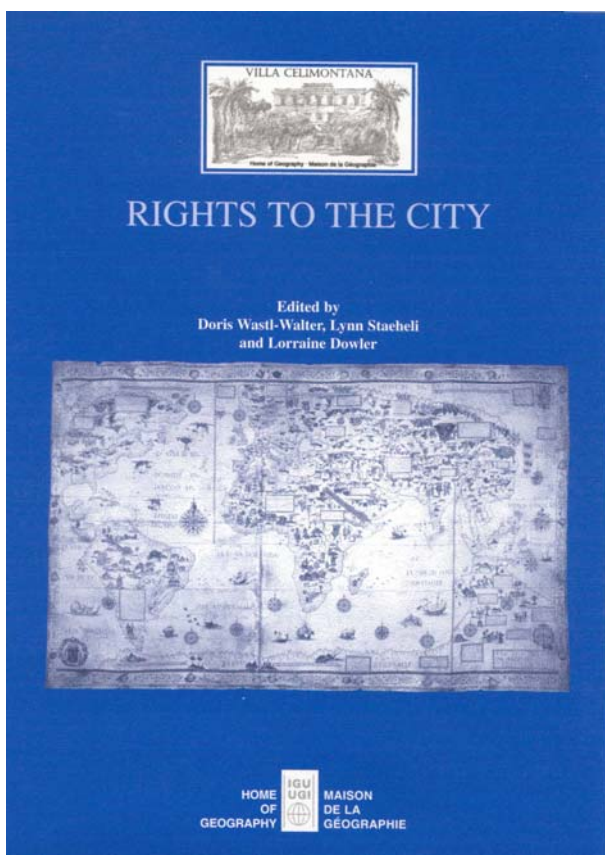


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The third volume in the Home of Geography Publication Series includes the presentations held at the “Rights to the City” conference of the IGU Commissions on Geography and Public Policy and Political Geography, which was held in Rome, from 29th May – 1st June, 2002.

The 29 contributions of scholars from multiple disciplines interested in questions of governance, justice and rights in urban areas around the world discuss the following proposition: contemporary changes in economies and governance are creating increased inequality leading to a retrenchment of rights. Social groups within cities differentially experience the effects of these changes.

The volume tentatively offers the following themes as foci of discussion:

- Evaluation of urban social, economic and political trends;
- Evaluation of competing theories and conceptualisations of justice and rights;
- Changing governance structures;
- New political movements, sites, and agents;
- Differential access to spaces of the city;
- New scalar linkages that change the relationships between cities, states and the international scale.

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Cities have been sites of dramatic changes in recent decades. Contemporary changes in economies and governance are creating increased inequality leading to a retrenchment of rights. Social groups within cities differentially experience the effects of these changes. In the third volume of the Home of Geography Publication Series, the focus is on theoretical perspectives on rights and justice and on the politics and social geographies of inclusion and exclusion. The volume particularly considers policy, finance and property as agents structuring the spaces of the city. It also examines city spaces as spaces of representation and public spaces in cities.

While cities have been associated with dynamism for a long time, recent trends related to globalisation, migration, and economic and political restructuring have contributed to a sense that the pace of change has increased. Some of these changes include:

- Increased inequality, exclusion, and social isolation;
- Changes in governance structures that increase the roles of non-profit, voluntary, and private sector service providers;
- New political movements and forms of protest;
- Bifurcated labour markets;
- Changing relationships between urban, national, and international scales.

In combination, these trends have transformed the relationships between urban residents, and between residents and governance structures. These new relationships, in turn, have important implications for the opportunities provided in cities and for the ability of a diverse citizenry to gain access to the city's resources. Thus we are brought to reconsider questions of social justice and the rights to the city.

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