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Finding Room is intended to inform discussions of policy options for affordable housing by providing information and analysis from experts in the topic. The contributions suggest a growing consensus about the need for certain policy changes, although several controversial areas remain.

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Adequate and Affordable Housing for All

Edited by J. David Hulchanski, Robert A. Murdie, and Philippa Campsie

2004, xvi, 293pp., $10.00 ISBN 0-7727-1434-7

This book of research abstracts from the 2004 conference of the same name is organized into 14 themes and has an author, keyword and country index. The themes include: Discrimination, Social Exclusion, Social Integration; Homelessness: Realities, Options, Action; House, Health, Environment; Housing and Aging; Housing Design, User Needs, Adaptations; Housing Markets, Housing Finance and Supply; Housing Need: Changing Households, Poverty, Policy; Housing Policy, Social Housing Programs, Management; Housing Provision: Homeownership and Affordable Housing; Neighbourhoods: Sustainable Communities, Revitalization, Empowerment; Neoliberal Housing Policy and Housing Systems in Transition; Residential Differentiation, Mobility and Satisfaction; The Struggle for Survival: Informal Settlements, Urban Upgrading, Secure Tenure; and Urban Governance, Civil Society and Innovation


Edited by Mila Freire and Richard Stren


Urban governance is the central theme of the Comparative Urban Studies Project. It was the subject of a conference in December 2000, and of several publications over the past few years. Richard Stren has been a major influence on the shaping of the CUSP agenda. The Challenge of Urban Government is a joint publication of the World Bank Institute and the Centre for Urban and Community Studies at the University of Toronto. The book was prepared as a collection of the best papers and articles related to the major themes of the WBI Urban and City Management Course, which was first organized in Toronto in May, 1999. The editorial commentaries, as well as the 30 papers it contains, provide readers with an up-to-date source of information and ideas on crucial areas of municipal decision-making. This is the first major book of readings on urban government intended for senior officers and elected officials of developing country cities. The articles are written by politicians, urban researchers, and well known development specialists who work regularly in Asia, Africa and Latin America.
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Research for the studies was conducted between 1996 and 1998 by the Middle East network of the Global Urban Research Initiative (GURI), a large-scale comparative project coordinated by the Centre for Urban & Community Studies at the University of Toronto.
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Patricia McCarney, editor


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