China's Urban Champions
Development and Distribution in China Decades ago, there were no distinct middle class in the People's Republic of China. Any meaningful discussion of China's economy, politics, or society must take into account the rapid emergence and explosive growth of the Chinese middle class. This book details the origins and characteristics of this dramatic change.

Urban Development in China Under the Institution of Land Rights

Land Bargains and Chinese Capitalism

Challenges in the Process of China's Urbanization extraordinary boom since the late 1970s has been accompanied by massive urbanization, with the proportion of the population living in cities rising from 18% in 1978 to 54% in 2014. Currently the Chinese government has amongst its objectives the target to increase this to 60% by 2020, and also to improve the quality of China's cities. This book examines a wide range of issues connected to China's urbanization. It considers the many problems which have come with rapid urbanization, including urban housing problems, difficulties affecting rural migrants in urban areas, and a lack of social protection. It examines areas of current reform, including land reform, family town renewal and moves to address environmental problems. It explores governance issues, and throughout assesses how urbanization in China is likely to develop in future.

Urbanization with Chinese Characteristics: The Hukou System and Migration Many agree that rapid urbanization in China in the late 20th and early 21st centuries is a mega process significantly reshaping China and the global economy. China's urbanization also carries a certain mystique, which has long fascinated generations of scholars and journalists alike. As it has turned out, many of the asserted Chinese feats are mostly fancied claims or gross misinterpretations of statistics, for example. There does exist, however, an urbanization that displays rather uncommon "Chinese" characteristics that remain to inadequately understood. Building on his three decades of careful research, Professor Kan Wing Chan expertly dissects the complexity of China's hukou system, migration, urbanization and their interrelationships in this set of journal articles published in the last ten years. These works range from seminal papers on Chinese urban definitions and statistics, and broad perspective analysis of the hukou system of its first semi-centennial, to examinations of migration trends and geography; and critical evaluations of China's 2014 urbanization blueprint and hukou reform plan. This convenient assemblage contains many of Chan's recent important works. Together they also form a relatively coherent set on this topic. They are essential readings to anyone seriously about gaining a true understanding of the prodigious transformation in contemporary China.

China's Emerging Middle Class This book examines the impact of China's urbanization on the country's economic development, clan culture, rural societies, minority resident areas, national environment, women, and public policy reforms, drawing on official statistics, independent survey data, archives, and fieldwork research to do so. Adopting a cross-disciplinary perspective, the book places special emphasis on issues that have been neglected in prior studies, and provides up-to-date information, reports, and analyses based on the latest events. Further, it considers future directions and strategies regarding urban development, discusses regional urbanization in selected poor and "backward" western provinces, analyzes changes in traditional clan culture brought on by urbanization, and explores evolutions in local clan associations in the Gao and Han Dynasties when cities expanded and business flourished. Lastly, the book examines the effects of infrastructure-related determinants on urban expansion rates and urban land prices, demonstrates the vital role of social networks in urbanization, and argues that the country's urbanization is not a simple reproduction of Western urbanization. The book concludes with an in-depth exploration of urbanization and socioeconomic changes on young unmarried women.

Urbanization and Urban Governance in China "Five-Year Plans" have been a cornerstone of Chinese social and economic development initiatives since 1953. During the 1980s of these periods between 1980 and 2005, the global economy has experienced instability after the financial crisis. Drawing on modern economic theory, this book demonstrates how China's urbanization in this crucial phase. The book analyzes the international economic environment, and how China's continued reform and opening-up can fit with the new era of economic globalization. It also presents the Chinese challenges faces in such fields as urbanization, the coordination of regional development and urban-rural integration, economic reform, and the reform of factor markets and state-owned enterprises. The book outlines many medium-term development rules along with key characteristics of China's economy, helping international readers fully understand likely future trajectories for the Chinese economy.

China's urbanization is one of the great earth-changing phenomena of recent times. China is part of China's urbanization to have a critical impact on the economy, global climate change, international relations and a host of other critical issues. Understanding and responding to China's urbanization is of paramount importance to everyone. This book represents a unique exploration of the demographic, spatial, economic and social aspects of China's urban transformation. Based on years of fieldwork and data analysis from different types of cities and towns in every region of China, the authors present a detailed description of how China has urbanized since 1978 and an original theory about the way in which bottom-up and top-down policies have impacted urbanization. They describe China's on-going urbanization process as a 'double-dual transformation' from a planned economy to a market-oriented one and from a concern with the quantity to the quality of urbanization. In doing so, the authors provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date book on Chinese urbanization to date. This scholarly study will appeal to academics and practitioners, including professors and postgraduate students of urban studies, planning, geography, Asian studies, and other social science disciplines and professionals fields concerned with cities and urban development. Professionals involved in international development, particularly in China and elsewhere in Asia, will be particularly interested in the book.

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