

Over half of the world's population now lives in urban area. Peripheral regions of the cities, mostly in developing nations, are predicted to grow more rapidly in coming years. Those extension areas of urban development have in recent years been recognized widely, on one hand, as presenting host of problems as a result of complex social and economic processes, and on the other hand, as offering new perspectives for future development. The phenomenon has therefore become the object of increasing research to discover what the causes of this form of development are and assess more closely at its consequences.

This text presents the resulting development patterns and experiences of urbanization. It explores how the peri-urban area and its surrounding regions have been reshaped by the massive expansion of urban activities. In doing so, it investigates and examines how the planning system and development policy lead to the emergence of spatial fragmentation and socioeconomic transformation that sharpen disparities and threaten the sustainability of agriculture.

Yogyakarta as one of the populated metropolitan in Indonesia is chosen to be the focus of the research with regards to its specific characteristics of development. Grounded analysis of the case studies are provided to give insights of the diversity of urbanism and the dynamics of peri-urban development as it is shaped by distinctive socioeconomic contexts and planning policies.

The book includes discussion of:

- 1) Demographic changes and its impact on settlement patterns
- 2) The dynamics of land market
- 3) Land use and space use changes
- 4) Spatial fragmentation and social segregation
- 5) The patterns of off-farm activities and economic diversification
- 6) Development policy and planning system

As a text based on empirical findings of a research, this book is expected to present the particular phenomena to understand the problems and potencies of peri-urban areas as significant parts of urban development agenda in the future. Nevertheless, it might contain several things need to be reviewed, especially due to the theoretical analysis that need to be deepened.

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