

In the current 'urban age', cities are omnipresent in debates over the present and future of capitalist economies and societies. Why have the fates of cities and capitalism become so inextricable in times of globalization?

This book revolves around this key question, providing an updated overview of the intricacies of today's city–capitalism nexus, which looks at its multiple driving forces – financialization, innovative entrepreneurship, the housing sector, consumption, technology, the sharing economy – as well as at its internal contradictions and political possibilities.

Drawing on a wide range of conceptual approaches, including political economy, neo-institutionalism and radical political theory, the author shows how the capitalist logic has come to encompass everything, including life itself. In doing so, he illustrates how cities, particularly after the Great Recession of the late 2000s, reflect the life-oriented construction of global capitalism in both negative and affirmative ways. Engaging in style, this text produces a vivid portrait of the global urban condition, and its characteristic ambivalence, within an increasingly turbulent world economy.