

Handbook of Social Capital and Regional Development Edited by Hans Westlund and Johan Larsson 2016, Edward Elgar Publishing

This book highlights the role of social capital in regional development and covered the related topics using various methods and numerous disciplines.

This book offer an overview of this rapidly expanding field of research and to thoroughly analyse the complex issue of social capital and regional development

In fact, social capital is important for regional development, however, it is less clear how this works in practice. For example, this book tries to answer in the following question: Do all types of social capital have the same effects and are different kinds of regions impacted in the same way?.

More specific, a particular focus is on entrepreneurship and the social capital of enterprises, whilst the role of social capital for modern governance and planning is also highlighted. The different components of social capital and data availability are also treated in depth.

Overall, we could say that, this Handbook is "must have book" and an ideal resource for students and scholars studying social capital, social networks, and especially for those working on issues of regional economic and development.

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