



## **Global City Makers Economic Actors and Practices in the World City Network**

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This book is well written and provides valuable and significant addition to the literature. More specific, this book

Global City Makers provides an in-depth account of the role of powerful economic actors in making and un-making global cities. Engaging critically and constructively with global urban studies from a relational economic geography perspective, the book outlines a renewed agenda for global cities research.

In more detail, the book contains the following chapters:

1. Agency and practice in the making of global cities: towards a renewed research agenda,
2. Producer service firms as global city makers: the cases of Mexico City and Hamburg,
3. Commodity traders as agents of economic globalization,
4. Real estate and global capital networks: drilling into the City of London,
5. Global cities, local practices: intermediation in the commercial real estate markets of New York City and London,
6. The making of transnational urban space: financial professionals in the global city Tokyo,
7. The making of Mumbai as a global city: investigating the role of the offshore services sector,
8. Focal firms, grand coalitions or global city makers? Globalization vs. new localism in Hamburg's maritime network,
9. Chasing the phantom of a 'global end game': the role of management consultancy in the narratives of pre-failure ABN AMRO.

Overall, this book should be of interest to a wide audience such as academia, business analysts and policy makers.

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