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Drawing upon the smart experiences of "world class" cities in North America, Canada and Europe, this book provides the evidence to show how entrepreneurship-based and market-dependent representations of knowledge production are now being replaced with a community of policy makers, academic leaders, corporate strategists and growth management alliances, with the potential to liberate cities from the stagnation which they have previously been locked into by offering communities:

- the freedom to develop polices, with the leadership and strategies capable of reaching beyond the idea of "creative slack";
- a process of reinvention, whereby cities become "smarter," in using intellectual capital to not only meet the efficiency requirements of wealth creation, but to become centres of creative slack;
- the political leadership capable of not only being economically innovative, or culturally creative, but enterprising in opening-up, reflexively absorbing and discursively shaping the democratic governance of such developments;
- the democratic governance to sustain such developments.

Drawing together the critical insights from papers from a collection of leading international experts on the transition to smart cities, this book proposes to do what has recently been asked of those responsible for creating Smarter Cities. That is: provide the definitional components, critical insights and institutional means by which to get beyond the all too often self-congratulatory tone cities across the world strike when claiming to be smart and by focussing on the critical role master-plans and design codes play in supporting the sustainable development of communities.

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