This book offers concepts and detailed cases of interest to those involved in policy development and management, as well as providing a foundation of ideas and experiences, an account of the place-focused practices of governance, and an approach to the analysis of governance dynamics, useful for students and social scientist. Finally, for those in the planning field itself, it seeks to re-interpret, with a twenty-first-century relevance and grasp, the role of planning frameworks in linking spatial patterns to social dynamics.

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