

African Urban Economies: Viability, Vitality or Vitiating in East and Southern Africa's Apex Cities

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How have Africa's large cities provided economic livelihood and shelter to growing populations amidst the continent's protracted economic crisis of the last three decades? African urban areas have not received as much attention as rural studies, yet the continent is steadily urbanizing with profound implications for national economic development and welfare. The book's authors, hailing from diverse social science and planning disciplines, provide fresh insights into the dynamics of African urban economic growth and associated social and political change based on recent city case studies and longitudinal data collection.

Written in an accessible style, the book has an anticipated wide readership of academics, students and policymakers interested in urban development or African economies. The four overview chapters comparing the case studies and outlining economic trends and key urban theories, make the edited collection suitable as reading material for economics, geography and sociology courses dealing with African urban studies.

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