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The competitiveness of 500 cities around the world. This one-of-a-kind annual resource draws on a wealth of data sources, all of which are described and assessed. Using a sophisticated methodology and a team of 100 researchers from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the book not only ranks these cities but also presents a treasury of information with regard to the strengths and weaknesses of each city in relation to each other. The book includes a full discussion of the factors that create urban competitiveness and what sorts or categories of cities are most competitive, and comments on the policies and initiatives that are adopted by the most competitive cities.

‘If you believe that the world economy is composed of cities vying with one another for capital investment, creative individuals, and high-performance firms, then you might be curious about which cities are most successful. To find out, you will need to consult this book… This reference work is thorough in its coverage.’

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– Leo van den Berg, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

‘Ni Pengfei’s GUCRs are distinctive for their methodology and the comprehensiveness of coverage. In this edition Ni offers us three new insights. In three chapters he analyses aspects of the competitiveness of five functional categories of cities as centers, such as finance, technology, politics, manufacturing and port/logistics. The determinants of the elements in his Global Urban Competitiveness Report, give us an indication of the importance of each of the elements. The Report also provides eleven examples of best city practices. A must-read book’

– Peter Karl Kresl, Bucknell University, US