



## Handbook of Rural Development

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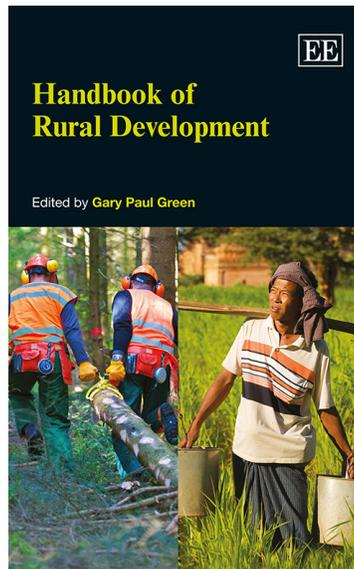
Although most countries in the world are rapidly urbanizing, the majority of the global population – particularly the poor – continue to live in rural areas. This Handbook rejects the popular notion that urbanization should be universally encouraged and presents clear evidence of the vital importance of rural people and places, particularly in terms of environmental conservation. Expert contributors from around the world explore how global trends, state policies and grassroots movements affect contemporary rural areas in both developed and developing countries.

‘Rural development is a diverse field. This Handbook attempts to span this diversity by including chapters on both developing countries, rural development theories, public policies, and development tools, drawing on sociology, economics, and other disciplines. [The book] provides much valuable information on the context of rural development at the global, national, and local levels.’  
– Journal of Regional Science

‘This comprehensive book deals with key issues of rural development. The authors address emergent issues of policy, structure and agency in complex and contrasting settings. Many of the chapters are written by scholars who are well-known in their areas of expertise, and younger scholars contribute in new areas of rural development concerns. The research and analysis presented makes clear that rural is more than agriculture, although in some regions it is still a driver. By looking at the twin issues of conservation and development in the context of complex social relations, this Handbook is a must for both scholars and practitioners of development. By including key articles that address emerging rural development issues in Latin America, Africa and Asia, the volume integrates global structures and local responses in a coherent and engaging manner.’  
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‘This handbook provides a fresh and decidedly political perspective on rural development issues and policies in the 21st century. Scholars, students, practitioners and policymakers who are working on and in rural areas around the world will welcome this book as an essential resource.’  
– Andreas Neef, Quarterly Journal of International Agriculture

‘This book should be recommended to everyone involved in rural policies today, and they should be invited to read the complementary references at the same time to clarify the grey areas, to re-establish and qualify the points of view presented in the study.’  
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