Settlements at the Edge
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Settlements at the Edge examines the evolution, characteristics, functions and shifting economic basis of settlements in sparsely populated areas of developed nations. With a focus on demographic change, the book features theoretical and applied cases which explore the interface between demography, economy, well-being and the environment. This book offers a comprehensive and insightful knowledge base for understanding the role of population in shaping the development and histories of northern sparsely populated areas of developed nations including Alaska (USA), Australia, Canada, Greenland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Finland and other nations with territories within the Arctic Circle.

“This book, produced by six editors and more than 50 authors, studies and compares such settlements located in the developed world, for example in Australia, North America, the Nordic countries and the Arctic. This global approach is one of the key merits of the book, since research on “sparsely populated” and “remote” areas has traditionally focused on specific countries or parts of countries.”
– Heikki Eskelinen, Economic Record

“This book is truly international in relevance and its authorship – with over 50 authors from at least 10 different countries. The topics covered are wide-ranging yet comprehensive and unified by an interesting descriptive theory (the 8 Ds of Beyond Periphery). The book’s contents, and the 8 Ds theory in particular, should be essential reading and provide rich food for thought (and possibly debate) for anyone researching the demographies or economics of remote communities, or more generally anyone grappling with the complexities of trying to contribute to sustainable futures for these communities.”
– Anthony Barnes, Charles Darwin University, Australia

“Settlements at the Edge provides nuanced views of remote communities that are usually excluded from our dominant, urban focus on the world. For this quality alone, it is a much-needed addition to our resources on the remote and peripheral places of the globe that are still very much with us today.”
– Meg Sherval, Geographical Research