



## The Infrastructured State

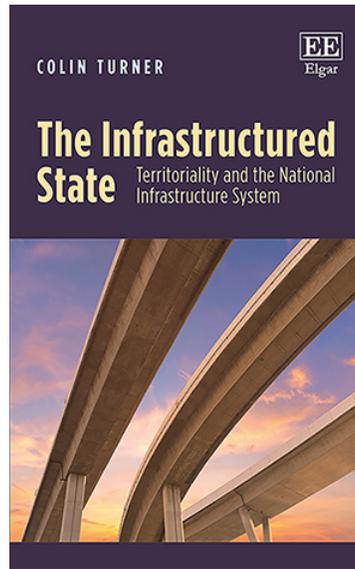
### Territoriality and the National Infrastructure System

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At the core of the logic of this book is that states engage in infrastructuring as a means of securing and enhancing their territoriality. By positioning infrastructure as a system, there is a presumption that all infrastructures exhibit some degree of mutual dependence. As such, a National Infrastructure System (NIS) is not simply about conventional conceptions of infrastructure based on those that support economic activity (i.e. energy, transport and information) but also about broader hard and soft structures that both enable and are supported by the aforementioned economic infrastructures. Consequently, this book offers an ambitious holistic view on the form of NIS arguing that the infrastructural mandate requires a conception of the state that encapsulates themes from both the competition and the welfare states in infrastructure provision.

'If you want to get a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the nature of infrastructure then I thoroughly recommend you read this book. In this work, Colin Turner strikes a well-crafted balance between conceptual and empirical insights into various aspects of this subject. He also provides very useful analyses on how different elements of national infrastructure systems interact and intersect with each other, and examines infrastructure development at various geo-spatial scales. His main conclusions are neatly brought together and articulated around the concept of the infrastructure state. Colin Turner's book is an essential read for those who wish to better understand our increasingly inter-connected world.'

– Christopher M. Dent, Edge Hill University, UK



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