This book aims to integrate and augment current state-of-the-art knowledge on graduate migration and its role in local economic development. Comprising the key scholars working in the field, it draws together an international series of case studies on graduate migration, a recognised critical component of the global pool of labour. Each chapter describes empirically founded approaches to examining the role and characteristics of graduate migration in differing situational contexts, highlighting issues concerning government policy, data and methods.

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– Riccardo Crescenzi, London School of Economics, UK

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– Paolo Veneri, OECD, France

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– Jouke van Dijk, University of Groningen, the Netherlands

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framework of the socio-economic problems concerning tertiary-educated migrants.

– Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano, Italy