

## Social Innovation and Urban Governance

### Citizenship, Civil Society and Social Movements

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Presenting social innovation initiatives that emerged from organized citizenry in Southern European cities, this book explores the response to austerity policies implemented after the 2008 economic crisis. Chapters look at the common aim of these initiatives in responding to social needs and challenging social exclusion.

'Can social innovation be a trigger for governance change and political transformation in cities? That is the key question this book attempts to answer. This is undoubtedly the most pressing issue in contemporary urban praxis for those concerned with questions of urban democracy and social equality. And this book is a formidable achievement in charting the possibilities of social innovation to nurture urban transformation.'

– Erik Swyngedouw, The University of Manchester, UK

'Using Spanish cities as an empirical lens to understand how south European cities reacted to the 2008 crisis, this important book unveils how governance arrangements can change through the transformative potential of social movements and under which conditions civil society can be a driver of social innovation.'

– Yuri Kazepov, University of Vienna, Austria

'This is a very important volume of research.'

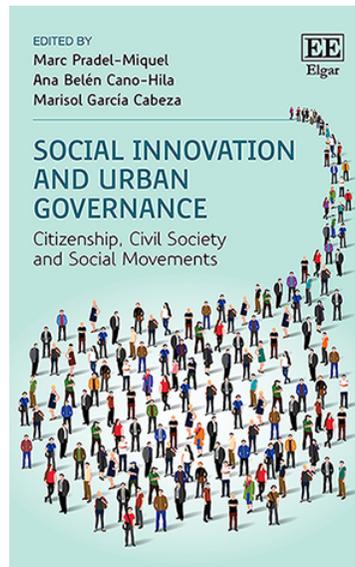
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'This book is a valuable and timely contribution of comparative urban research. Although the chapters in this volume are focused primarily upon the intense conflicts over the meanings of citizenship, governmental authority, and social change in Southern Europe, the research reported is relevant to the countless other places in the world that are experiencing rapid social change.'

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'The book provides evidence of bottom-linked governance experiments in prominent Southern European cities, in which public servants, local politicians, movement leaders, concerned citizens and migrants, become engaged in a shared, reflexive learning process. And although "success is not guaranteed", the stories of these experiences should be shared and learned from. That is why this book is a must read for anyone caring about the future of (urban) solidarity and democracy.'

– from the Foreword by Frank Moulaert



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