Advanced Introduction to Gentrification

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Analysing the causes and effects of widespread gentrification, this Advanced Introduction provides an innovative insight into the global debate instigated by this process. Examining the impact of gentrification on lower income groups and other issues, Chris Hamnett discusses research into the socio-economic causes and effects of gentrification in a variety of cities worldwide.

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‘Chris Hamnett has long been a central figure in the development of gentrification research. Here he provides a magisterial and lucid overview of a literature that continues to address vital problems for urban scholarship and social policy. That this small book can cover so much of this territory is a tribute to Hamnett’s informed judgment of empirical trends, conceptual arguments and policy consequences.’
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‘Building on a lifetime experience and study of gentrification, Chris Hamnett has written an authoritative and comprehensive Advanced Introduction to Gentrification. This compelling text covers the essential elements of the widening process of gentrification and related urban social class transformation debates. Both “time” and “space” variations of gentrification and changing meanings of the concept receive ample attention while theories, causes and effects are critically addressed as well. This book is essential reading for all who are involved in gentrification.’
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