



### Consumption, Cities and States

Comparing Singapore with Asian and Western Cities

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### A wide-ranging comparative study of the interrelationship between consumption, citizenship and the state in the context of globalization in Asia and the West.

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'Consumption, Cities and States' examines the fascinating intersection of consumption, citizenship and the state in a cross-section of global cities in Asia and the West. It focuses on a number of theoretical and empirical analyses: developing and amplifying the intersection of consumption, citizenship and the state in late modernity in relation to a range of cities; examining the concept of the global city as an 'aspirational' category for cities in Asia and the West; and considering case studies which highlight the intersection of consumption and the state. As Ann Brooks and Lionel Wee demonstrate, the interface between citizen status and consumer activity proves a crucial point of analysis in the light of the neoliberal assertion that individuals and institutions perform at their best within a free market economy.

### Readership

The book is aimed at scholars – including sociologists, social geographers and political economists – interested in debates around the intersection of consumption, citizenship and the state.

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