

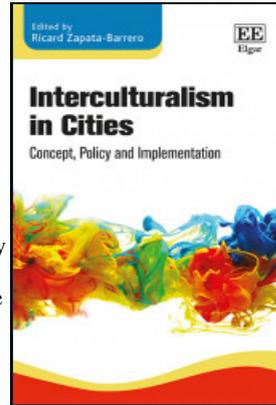


Interculturalism in Cities

Concept, Policy and Implementation

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Cities are increasingly recognized as new players in diversity studies, and many of them are showing evidence of an intercultural shift. As an emerging concept and policy, interculturalism is becoming the most pragmatic answer to concrete concerns in cities. Within this framework, this book covers two major concerns: how to conceptualize and how to implement intercultural policies. Through the use of theoretical and comparative case studies, the current most prominent contributors in the field examine an area that multicultural policies have missed in the past: interaction between people from different cultures and national backgrounds. By compiling the recent research in Europe and elsewhere this book concludes that interculturalism is becoming both an attractive and efficient new paradigm for diversity management.



'This is a fascinating book that opens the door to a theoretical and practical understanding of interculturalism in cities. . . a fine, cogent resource for anyone who wants to understand interculturalism in cities at this particularly tense time in history.'

- Journal of Peace Psychology

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