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About This Book

In the context of increasing inter-regional differentiation, many researchers note the growing threat of space distortion, fragmentation and “falling out” from economic processes of various territories categorized as economic outsiders (exacerbating existing social problems). At the same time, the advanced development of individual territorial elements can positively transform large-scale systems, in turn contributing to an increase in the performance of lagging territories. Due to such a two-way approach to understanding the essence of inter-regional inequality, the choice of parameters for the optimal spatial organization can be considered as a controversial process, bringing up the issue of determining the guidelines for sustainable development of regions and cities.

The book includes 8 chapters on the topic of uneven spatial distribution of territory resources. The authors analyze the features of the localization of assets, paying attention to both the manifested factors and conditions determining the specificity of the current spatial organization. Based on the multivariate analysis, gravity models, clustering and index method, well as the assessment of concentration parameters, researchers propose various approaches to the systematization of territorial units, paying special attention to the peculiarities of their economic structure, resource diffusion barriers and specifics of their development. The obtained results indicate the need for a differentiated approach to the choice of guidelines for the transformation of the socio-economic space, allowing the researchers to propose various transformation models for differing regions. Thus, the book presents spatial organization models for different regional economies, describes a differentiated approach to the formation of local models providing special conditions for investors in order to achieve the sustainable development goals and reduce inequality.

The research results and authors' conclusions confirm the lack of an unambiguous answer to the question of the optimal balance between the advantages of polarized development and the need to avoid significant inter-regional disparities. At the same time, the book offers various solutions to differentiate territories, distinguishing different space elements, determine the most suitable transformation options, and reform regional and clustering policies. The obtained results may be of interest to both researchers and experts in the field of territorial development management.

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