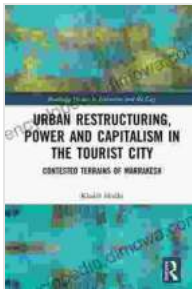


Urban Restructuring: Power and Capitalism in the Tourist City

By Neil Smith

Urban restructuring is a process of uneven development that benefits some groups while displacing others. This process has been accelerated in recent years by the rise of capitalism and tourism. In *Urban Restructuring: Power and Capitalism in the Tourist City*, Neil Smith provides a detailed analysis of the ways in which tourism has led to the displacement of low-income residents, the gentrification of neighborhoods, and the commodification of public space.



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Smith argues that tourism is a form of capitalist development that is based on the exploitation of labor and resources. This exploitation is often hidden

behind a facade of fun and excitement. However, the reality is that tourism can have a devastating impact on cities. It can lead to the displacement of low-income residents, the gentrification of neighborhoods, and the commodification of public space.

One of the most visible effects of tourism is the displacement of low-income residents. This displacement can occur in a number of ways. For example, landlords may evict low-income tenants in order to rent their apartments to tourists at higher rates. Or, developers may build new luxury hotels and condominiums that are unaffordable for low-income residents.

Gentrification is another common effect of tourism. Gentrification occurs when a low-income neighborhood becomes more affluent due to an influx of new residents. This influx of new residents can be caused by a number of factors, including tourism. When tourists visit a city, they often stay in gentrified neighborhoods because these neighborhoods are safe and clean. This demand for housing in gentrified neighborhoods drives up rents and property values, which makes it difficult for low-income residents to stay in their homes.

Finally, tourism can lead to the commodification of public space. This commodification occurs when public space is transformed into a space that is designed to attract tourists. This can involve the construction of new tourist attractions, such as museums and theme parks. It can also involve the privatization of public space, such as the closing of streets to car traffic and the opening of new restaurants and bars.

The commodification of public space has a number of negative consequences. It can make it difficult for residents to use public space for

their own purposes. It can also lead to the displacement of low-income residents, who are often priced out of gentrified neighborhoods.

Urban Restructuring: Power and Capitalism in the Tourist City is a must-read for anyone interested in the future of cities. Smith provides a detailed analysis of the ways in which tourism is transforming cities around the world. He argues that urban restructuring is a process of uneven development that benefits some groups while displacing others. This process is likely to continue in the years to come, and it is important to understand the ways in which it is affecting cities.

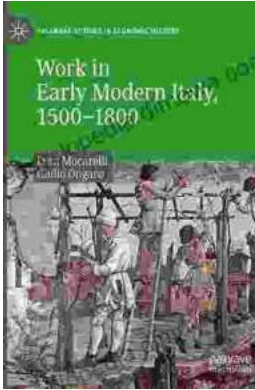


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