

The Theory and Practice of Local Governance and Economic Development

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Partnership is a necessary policy tool in a fragmented institutional landscape in which globalisation is placing increasing pressure on national and local economies. And yet, it has no obvious place in public policy frameworks. There is no common understanding of what partnership can or should do in the process of designing and implementing policy. This book develops a greater understanding of how to bridge the gap between theory and practice and offers new insights to improve both national policy settings and local methods of collaboration. The practical possibilities and options identified in this volume are illustrated by case studies from three continents, examining a range of issues from fostering entrepreneurship to helping disadvantaged youth in education. This book is essential reading for all those interested in learning how society can make better choices in a global economy.

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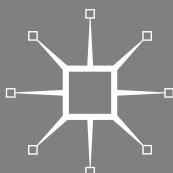
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