

## **STATEMENT ON EDITED COLLECTIONS / *STUDIES IN URBAN AND SOCIAL CHANGE SERIES***

The SUSC series is intended to publish high-quality research monographs in urban and regional studies. Occasionally, the editorial board will consider truly innovative edited collections for publication in the series. However, to merit consideration, such collections must meet the following criteria:

- They must articulate an overarching argument, thesis or methodological perspective around which *all* chapters are organized. This involves an active editorial role. It is not sufficient to rely on contributors addressing the argument of the book.
- They must be internally coherent and clearly organized. Where collections originate in conferences or workshops, editors will be expected to have exercised a careful selection in order to achieve this coherence.
- They may also stage a debate among competing intellectual perspectives or paradigms.
- The editors should provide a substantive introduction which locates the book and its argument or perspective in relation to previous work in the field (e.g. discussing the key concepts, rival concepts, relevant theoretical perspectives and debates, problems of operationalization/empirical study, etc.).
- An editorial conclusion to the book as a whole is also highly recommended as a means to synthesize its main contributions and to elaborate its implications for future research.
- Their chapters must provide more than an assemblage of empirical "examples" to illustrate the broader argument. Empirical materials must be marshalled carefully, clearly and systematically in relation to broader claims.
- *All* chapters must meet the standards of articles published in *IJURR*.

We strongly urge all prospective editors to consider each of these points before submitting edited collection proposals to the series.

--The *SUSC* editorial board, March 2007