



## Urban Margins: Envisioning the Contemporary Global South

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Duke University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, *Urban Margins: Envisioning the Contemporary Global South*, Kamran Asdar Ali, Martina Rieker, Urban studies of the global South have paid particular attention to megacities, such as Mumbai or Johannesburg, while more peripheral urban landscapes - including small and medium-sized towns as well as the margins of megacities themselves - remain overlooked. Emerging from the work of the Shehr Comparative Urban Landscapes Network, an academic initiative that seeks to further a social-historical and critical understanding of contemporary cities and urban practices, this special issue of "Social Text" takes up the question of marginality in contemporary urban cartographies in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa. "Urban Margins" explores the complex processes through which citizens produce and negotiate these marginalized landscapes and in turn are informed by them. Focusing on Douala in Cameroon and Dakar in Senegal, one essay discusses how the state's failure to provide for its citizens has led many to turn to informal networks and affiliations - whether kin-based, local, translocal, gendered, religious, or secular - for survival. Rendering the urban landscape of these cities in terms of these networks and the ways that they shape a citizen's interaction with the...

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