

Book Review:

Felicitas Hillmann, Michael Samers (Eds.) *Cities, Migration, and Governance. Beyond Scales and Levels*. Routledge, 2023, 172 pages

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The editors and authors of *Cities, Migration, and Governance. Beyond Scales and Levels* shows how cities, migration and urban governance are interconnected, and the research answers two major questions. On the one hand, how urban transformations, governance and planning shape / influence the life of migrants and how the lifestyle of migrants transforms cities (both formally and informally) in Europe and North America (transatlantic perspective), and on the other hand, why only cities are seen as a “solution” for the global dynamics of migration, why the urban/local have become so strong in the public discourse.

The work is structured into seven chapters (The Urban Governance of Asylum as a “Battleground”: Policies of Exclusion and Efforts of Inclusion in Italian Towns/ Relational Multiscalar Analysis: A Comparative Approach to Migrants within City-Making Processes/ Diversity Development in Postsocialist Cities: The Example of East Germany/ Fight for the City: Policing, Sanctuary, and Resistance in Chicago/ Local Path Dependency and Scale Shift in Social Movements: The Case of the us Immigrant Rights

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The book highlights three dominant perspectives on cities and migration, which can be found both in Europe and North America: 1. the city is only a territorial and administrative entity - a tangible unit; 2. The Urban, seen as an abstract understanding of structures, institutions and networks; 3. Diversity - the major characteristic of the urban, produced by migration and migrants.

