

BOOK REVIEW ON THE CITY AND THE URBAN COMPETITION

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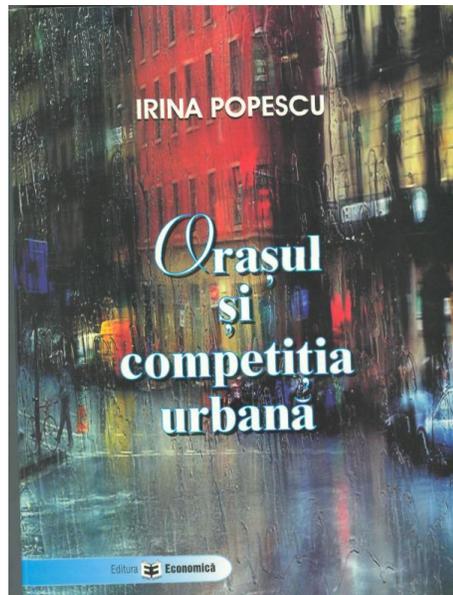
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The book “The city and the urban competition / Oraşul și competiția urbană”, written by Irina Popescu, has recently been published at Economic Publishing House of Bucharest, Romania. The book is structured in 4 parts and it is very rich in concepts, ideas, theories, principles and comparative studies, representing an important contribution of the author to the development of the literature concerning the study of the city.

The first part of the book presents the conceptual background of the urban system. There are defined the fundamental concepts concerning the urban system and the coordinates of the urban economic development. Also, are formulated the reasons of the cities existence and it is presented the history of the cities.

In the second part of the book, are presented significant aspects of the urban development worldwide, the characteristics of the “third world’s” cities, of the North American an Australian’s cities and those from the european space. Taking into consideration that urban system of the european cities plays a crucial role in achieving the objectives set by the Lisbon strategy, in this second part are also studied the problems and tendencies of the european urban systems.



In the third part the author makes an analysis of the urban competition and competitiveness. There are presented some conceptual models, a comparative study regarding the competitiveness of the European cities (presenting an index used at international level), the fundamental principles of the successful European cities and also solutions to achieve the success.

The fourth part presents significant aspects of the urban development in Romania. It is shown the territorial and administrative organization of Romania, it is done a classification of Romanian cities, are emphasized the problems and the pressures of Romanian cities development. Also, is explored the metropolitan development in Romania and the index competitiveness system used in the classification of Romanian cities.