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THE INTERNET CITY

People, Companies, Systems and Vehicles

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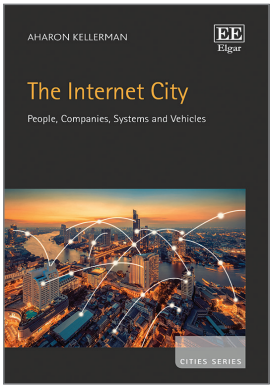

'As the Internet revolution continues to reverberate through the global economy and daily life, urban life has become progressively more constituted around digital transactions. Kellerman has long been one of the most astute observers of this transformation. This volume not only covers the basics of how cyberspace has become woven into the contemporary world, such as cell phones and digital divides, it also breaks new ground by addressing topics that have received scant attention, such as autonomous vehicles. It offers a fecund series of insights into how people, firms, and places have been restructured by the ever-growing use of digital technologies. This volume will be useful to students and faculty alike, and of interest to anyone interested in how cyberspace and the analogue world have become shot through with each other.'

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'Computer networks and autonomous technologies continue to rapidly redefine the geography of the city. Kellerman has spent a lifetime reflecting on what this might mean and his recent book presents one of the most insightful pictures of this future to date. Essential reading for all those interested in how our future cities will be organized.'

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As the Internet develops, on top of earlier urban communications, facilities and media, it is becoming the site of urban communications on an unprecedented scale. Exploring the history of the Internet, from pre-conception to the possibilities of an Internet-based future, The Internet City explores ways in which the Internet and urban life intersect.

The book interprets how the contemporary city is becoming fully based on Internet technologies in all of its major dimensions: the daily activities of urbanites and urban companies, the operations of urban systems, and the functioning of upcoming driverless vehicles. With particular focus on the ways in which people routinely consume urban services via the Internet, Aharon Kellerman examines how they are simultaneously present in physical and digital spaces.

Urban geographers and urban planners will benefit from the detailed information on how the cityscape will be altered in the near future by the introduction of Internet-based autonomous vehicles. City policymakers will also find this a useful tool to explore how and why policies may need to be updated in accordance with the rising importance of the Internet in the urban sphere.

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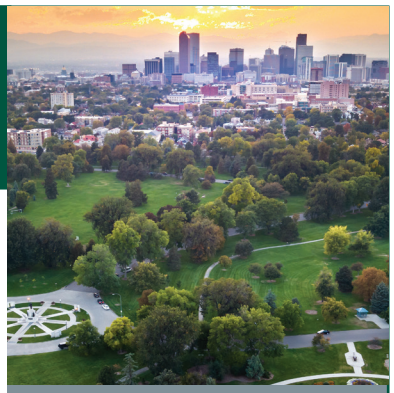

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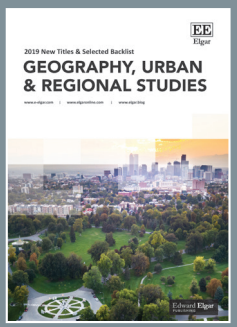

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