

Summary of book

Some Observations Concerning China's Urban Development

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This book, based on the outputs of an UNDP research project "City Planning, Management and Development in the 21 Century", is characterized with its sharp opinions and cutting-edge interpretation of phenomena during the fast urbanization in China, which is paralleled with economic restructuring and social transformation. Challenges in natural resources, human environment and public safety are identified, serious critics on so-called image projects proposed while social and institutional context analyzed. The authors conclude with policy suggestion on improving city planning to adopt the demand of governmental involvements during transitional period.