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Peri-Urban Water Conflicts: Supporting Dialogue and Negotiation

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Description / Abstract

This book is about the dialogues and negotiations underway in many peri-urban cities in the South to address conflicts over water. Competition, contestation and conflicts are caused by pressures of urban growth combined with the institutional and policy vacuum associated with the management of natural resources in peri-urban areas. The book shows how people and communities without good access to water and sanitation services depend upon alternatives to conventional service delivery from utilities, and it illustrates how these arrangements can be supported rather than hampered through searches for creative solutions. Sometimes stakeholders can be brought together to find better solutions to infrastructural development in peri-urban areas. The book reports from three cities, Cochabamba in Bolivia, São Paulo in Brazil, and Chennai in India, where action research brought stakeholders together to help find better solutions to infrastructural development problems in peri-urban areas. It shows how research can provide information, tools and approaches to facilitate these processes.

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