



ALLIANCE *for*
REGIONAL
STEWARDSHIP

Book Review

Global City Regions: Trends, Theory and Policy

Edited by
Allen Scott

For those who are interested in what is happening globally, Allen Scott of UCLA has edited a new book *Global City Regions: Trends, Theory and Policy* (Oxford 2001). With over 300 global city regions around the world, authors of this book try to put the new regionalism in a global context. Building on the theme of citi-states established by Neal Peirce and Curtis Johnson, Allen make the case that the new regionalism differs from the old regionalism because individual regions within a nation are less apt to be subservient to the dictates of the nation-state. Many are now starting to take on a definite identity and force as economic and social actors on the world stage.

Exploring this overall theme are essays by global strategist Kenichi Ohmae, World Bank President James Wolfensohn, business economist Michael Porter, and urban historian Peter Hall. Regionalism is examined from the perspective of Canada, Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa, as well as the United States. A section of the book addresses regional governance issues including a chapter on lessons from Silicon Valley by Alliance Coordinator, Doug Henton. While we cannot recommend this book for every regional steward, it could make for interesting reading for those who want to know what is going on beyond our borders.