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# Participation and Governance in Regional Development

Global Trends in an Australian Context

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Questions about participation and participatory governance are at the cutting edge of development theory. This book provides a cross-disciplinary perspective on participation and governance issues in regional development – processes now regarded as essential for sustainable regional development. An exploration of current trends toward increased citizen participation in development decision-making and the establishment of governance structures to facilitate participation is included. The book focuses on how the concept of participation is playing an increasingly important role in all aspects of regional development theory, policy, and practice.

*Participation and Governance in Regional Development* brings together a group of respected social researchers from across Australia to consider these issues. The book brings the Australian experience to the global debate and places Australian regional development experiences within their broader international context.

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