



Trophy Cities

A feminist perspective on new capitals

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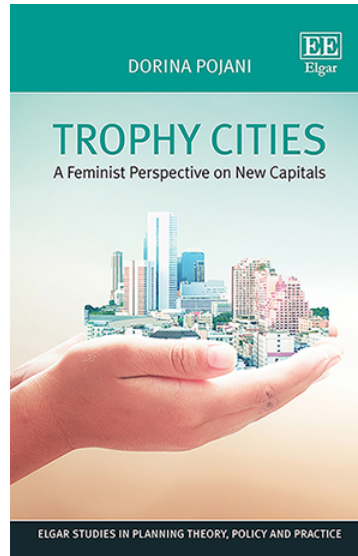
Offering a fresh perspective, this timely book analyzes the socio-cultural and physical production of planned capital cities through the theoretical lens of feminism. Dorina Pojani evaluates the historical, spatial and symbolic manifestations of new capital cities, as well as the everyday experiences of those living there, to shed light on planning processes, outcomes and contemporary planning issues.

'Feminism is not only about political representation or economic freedom, it is also about liberating our cities from only the pursuit of capital and making them the sites of play and community, about freeing all people in the way they occupy space and live out their daily lives, about giving dignity to the lived experience. Trophy Cities is a bold proposal for planning our cities around people and not money, for prioritizing joy over wealth. I'll be thinking about it for some time to come.'

– Jessa Crispin, Author of *Why I Am Not a Feminist: A Feminist Manifesto*

'Pojani provides a highly original critique of planned capital cities through her use of a feminist perspective. She points to both the colonial inheritance that perseveres in post-colonial nations, even as the new capitals are intended to symbolize independence, and to the patriarchal inheritance within the indigenous culture. Well-written and clearly argued, Trophy Cities is a courageous look at how cities intended as trophies of liberation in fact are also instruments of oppression.'

– Susan S. Fainstein, Harvard Graduate School of Design, US; Author, *The Just City* and Editor, *Gender and Planning*



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