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support and empower capacities of communities under changing climatic conditions. Despite this there is little systematic understanding of why approaches work at local levels or not and what makes some communities resilient and others less so. Europe is typically thought to be well equipped for coping with the effects of a changing climate because of its moderate climate, its manifold urban-industrialized regions, it's typically highly skilled population, its successes in science and technology and its advanced climate change policies. However, there is a growing need to understand the effects culture has on communal resiliency and for decision makers and planners to pay attention to historical and cultural characteristics and the complexity of contextualized local conditions to enable successful and durable implementation of climate change policies, programs and measures. This book will be a valuable resource for researchers, students, practitioners and policy makers interested in facilitating sustainable, resilient communities. Grit Martinez is a senior researcher at the Ecologic Institute in Berlin, Germany and associate research professor at the department of anthropology of the University of Maryland, USA. She spent more than 15 years working on topics in environmental historical and cultural studies related to coastal hazards, climate change and community resilience with the objective of policy makers and practitioners making use of our past knowledge to cope with future changes.