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Addis Ababa is one of the fastest transforming environments on the globe and a prototype of an emerging territory. What can architecture and urban design as disciplines contribute to such transformation? According to which criteria can processes of the kind encountered in Addis Ababa be evaluated? And, how can all of this be steered? Aiming to identify sustainable strategies—rather than upholding an a priori vision of an ideal city—the publication acknowledges the heterogeneous conditions of urban territories. The book highlights questions of method and procedure that can be transferred to other ‘cities of change’. This revised edition covers recent developments, such as the increasing influence of China in African countries or the chances of high-density, low-rise developments.

Die äthiopische Hauptstadt Addis Abeba ist eine sich rasant wandelnde Metropole und steht prototypisch für ein urbanes Zentrum in einer Schwellenregion. Was können Architektur und Stadtplanung zu diesem raschen Wandel beitragen? Wie kann das enorme Stadtwachstum infolge von Landflucht und Bevölkerungsanstieg besser verstanden werden? Und: Wie lässt es sich steuern? Das Buch stellt einen Katalog von Strategien für die Städtebaupraxis außerhalb der alten Industrieländer Europas und Nordamerikas vor und gibt dabei den Planern allgemeingültige Methoden und Werkzeuge für dynamische Planungs- und Steuerungsprozesse an die Hand. Die Neuausgabe enthält Beiträge zu Neuentwicklungen wie etwa dem Einfluss Chinas in afrikanischen Ländern oder zu den Chancen durch urbane Nachverdichtung.

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