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Sommario/riassunto

By applying transaction cost economics to an evaluation of land use systems, the author here tackles the ongoing debate between market and government in planning. The book provides a fresh angle and a useful contribution to a growing field of study for researchers in urban planning, public administration and land economics.
