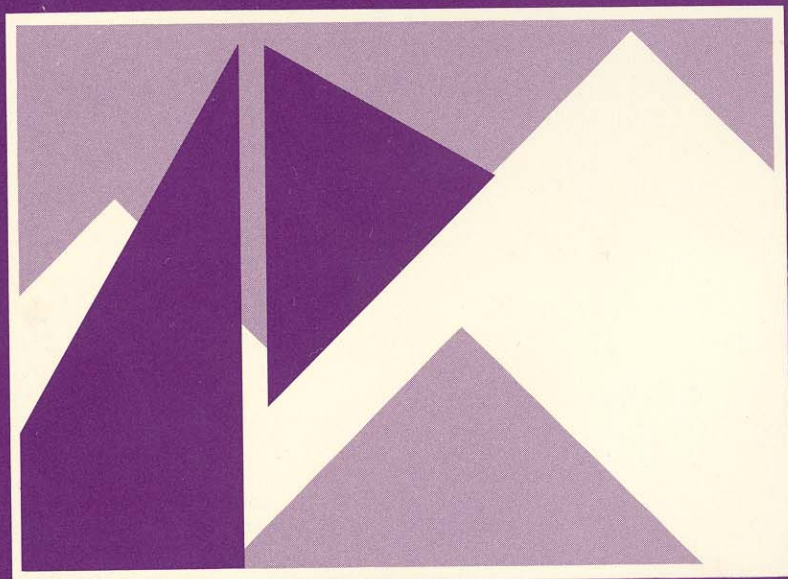


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Strategies for Community Revitalization

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Since the early 1980s, the impact of industrial decline on communities has become a crisis of major proportions in the United States.

Industrial Democracy is a pioneering attempt to examine the developing field of theory and practice for countering industrial decline and deterioration of community life.

Overview essays on contemporary economic dislocation are followed by an exploration of the social responsibility of corporations to surrounding communities. Selected authors then survey several models for coping with economic decay and examine revitalizations through labor/management cooperation and forms of community/worker ownership. Case studies provide illustrations of cities that have adopted successful coping structures.

Industrial Democracy compares these alternative strategies according to critical variables, assesses their impact, and offers an intriguing paradigm for future research and social change.

As a textbook for upper-division or graduate-level courses, this volume offers an insightful introduction to the potential of industrial democracy and social change. Teachers and researchers of sociology, economics, community psychology, labor relations, and management will find it valuable. **Industrial Democracy** will also interest professionals—including labor leaders, managers, city planners, and governmental economic-development officials—working on the problems of socioeconomic depression.

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PREFACE

The devastating impact of industrial decline in communities throughout the United States, a crisis of major proportions that began in the early 1980s is the subject of this book. Our objective is to explicate the newly developed field of theory and practice for countering this industrial decline and subsequent deterioration of the quality of community life. We begin with an overview of the problem of economic dislocation, followed by an exploration of the social responsibility of corporations to surrounding communities. Analytical contributions by selected authors then survey several models for coping with economic decay. The final section of the book compares these alternative strategies according to critical variables, assesses their impact, and offers an intriguing paradigm for future research and social change.

This book will be of major interest to several groups. (1) Those who are teaching and doing research in such disciplines as sociology, economics, community psychology, labor relations, and management should find this book useful both as a reference and a textbook that offers an introduction to the potential of industrial democracy and social change for upper-division or graduate-level courses. (2) The book will also serve the market of practitioners working on the problems of socioeconomic depression. It should prove to be a valuable resource for labor leaders, managers, and interested parties of the public sector, including city planners and state and federal economic development officials.

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Bingham and Blair present a cohesive collection of fourteen essays authored by leading economists, urban planners, political scientists, and government policy analysts. Throughout their detailed examination of urban enterprise zones; grants and investments; federal, state, and local development programs; and four case studies of actual city projects, the contributors debate the effectiveness of various approaches to stimulating private sector activity in urban areas.

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