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The book introduces the readers to the history of urban sociology, proposes an explanation of the existing and historical theories of the city, and it offers new interpretations of the classical works of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Also, it maps several current theoretical debates in the field of interdisciplinary urban studies that change the ways social sciences approach cities, such as the calls for a new comparative approach to urban studies and to de-colonialize urban theory. Besides explaining the history of urban sociology in the past years in the international context, the book focuses on the history of urban studies in the local (Czechoslovak) context. Most importantly, it studies the interconnections between the discipline of urban sociology formed in Czechia with the research and theory developed in other places and in the international forums, both in the past and today. This specific focus helps to follow the questions that urban scholars opened in different historical and geographical conditions, how they approached the city and what they found out in their research. The book is addressed to urban sociologists, but it speaks also to experts in other fields that study cities, especially urban geography, urban history, urban anthropology and the history of architecture.

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