

Dimitriou, H.T., and Gakenheimer, R., eds. (2011), *Urban Transport in the Developing World: A Handbook of Policy and Practice* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar).

This book has been edited by two internationally known experts on urban transport and gathers 20 chapters on various aspects of public transport in the developing countries. Indeed, the increasing motor vehicle ownership, use, and related transport infrastructures in developing countries are creating unprecedented urban policy and planning challenges, and the book seeks to address precisely those. Not astonishingly then, the editors summarize the main lessons from the various chapters as follows: “The greatest need of urban transport in the developing world is for improved public decision-making in urban transport policy making, planning and management, supported by a commensurate investment in capacity-building to facilitate this” (p. xvi). The book is

comprehensive in that it covers not only transport policy making, planning and management per se, but also related challenges in the areas of energy, environment, economics, and equity. It furthermore discusses, albeit not sufficiently in my view, the growing role played by the information and communication technologies in addressing these challenges as caused by growing urban mobility. The book concludes with the identification of 11 emergent crucial themes that anyone interested in urban transport policy-making, planning and management should take to heart. The book will constitute valuable reading for practitioners and academics alike.

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