Ordinary Cities forms the basis for a new, post-colonial framework for thinking about cities, one that cuts across the long-standing divide in urban scholarship between accounts of ‘Western’ and other kinds of cities, especially cities that have been labelled as ‘Third World’. It is in the spirit of a postcolonial critique that this book promotes the case for ‘ordinary cities’ (Amin and Graham 1997), for an urban theory that draws inspiration from the city as the powerhouse of the globalized economy.
as the negation of local identities and autonomies, the city has been 'rediscovered' as the powerhouse of the globalized economy.