



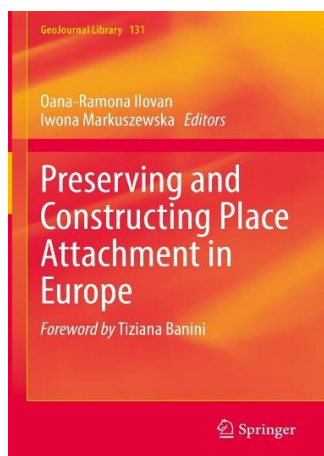
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BOOK REVIEW

PRESERVING AND CONSTRUCTING PLACE ATTACHMENT IN EUROPE

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Preserving and Constructing Place Attachment in Europe 2022, Oana-Ramona Ilovan, Iwona Markuszewska (Eds.), 20 chapters, 381 pages, Springer, Switzerland.

In the recent backgrounds of scholarly interests on the issues of place attachment in Europe, a new book was recently edited focusing on the questions of constructing and preserving the European place attachment, with lessons from different places and countries from Europe. The book is structured in four main parts addressing wider topics from the field of cultural geographies related to the place attachment aspects with case-studies in-depth investigated in different European countries. The book's introduction

authored by Oana-Ramona Ilovan and Iwona Markuszewska introduces the readers in the main background of the issues on place attachment framing the main relevant theories in the field as well as the relevant practices developed up to now that could inspire the new current approaches in the place attachment investigation in connection with the cultural traits of the place representations through the local, regional and national cultural identities. The first part of the book entitled *Place making, place-making and place attachment, place attachments through place-based development and community, communities' place-driven actions* deals with knowledge and feelings in relation with the sensitive planning of landscapes, the future planning trends and neighborhoods and gentrification. Against such a background, the chapters that capture the reader's attention are as follows: *Between knowledge and feelings. How place attachment can strengthen the sensitive planning of landscapes* (authored by Iwona Markuszewska), *The role of place attachment and the moderating factors in shaping the future second-home usage pattern: evidence from the Polish mountains* (Adam Czarnecki, Aneta Dacko, Mariusz Dacko, Manu Rantanen), *Place attached entrepreneurs as place-based leaders* (Grete



Kindel), *Gentrification as discourse and practice when building territorial identities and place attachment* (Ingmar Pastak) and *Constructing place attachment and planning the future of the neighborhood. Case study: Mănăştur, Cluj-Napoca, Romania* (Oana-Ramona Ilovan, Bianca Sorina Răcăşan). The second part of the book is focused on nature and culture-based place attachment and includes the following chapters: *Place attachment through negotiation. How citizens and materiality co-create urban spaces in Darmstadt, Germany* (Anna-Lisa Müller), *Places of wander: The value of community attachment for coastal tourism* (Desiree Farrell, Liam M. Carr), *Methodology for identifying urban types: A tool for assessing urban place attachment* (Hugo Castro Noblejas, José M. Orellana Macías, Matías F. Mérida Rodríguez), *Gender and age differences for perceptual qualities of a forest landscape in relation to dramatic landscape change processes: implications for connections to place* (Åsa Ode Sang, Andrew Butler, Igor Knez). The next section of the volume is focused on the the sustainable planning and territorial identity and group interesting studies on urban and rural dynamics, on the sense of place and regional identities with the main studies being as follow: *Urban and rural dynamics between economy and place attachment. The case study of the region of Sardinia (Italy)* (Anna Maria Colavitti, Sergio Serra), *The role of sense of place in the recovery of local food systems in bioregional contexts. Challenges and opportunities* (David Fanfani, Massimo Rovai), *Syrmia – rethinking the regional identity of a (trans)-border region: Perception, self-Identification, and place attachment* (Srećko Kajić, Marin Bogdanić, Borna Fuerst-Bjeliš) and *From place attachment to toponymic attachment: Can geographical names foster social cohesion and regional development? The case of South Carinthia (Austria)* was authored by Alexis Sancho Reinoso. Going further, the next part of the book addresses issues on place-attachment reconstruction through urban regeneration and urban recovery with the following chapters: *Reclaiming the face of the city. Can third-places change place attachment? Craiova as a case study* (Liliana Popescu, Cristiana Vîlcea, Amalia Niţă), *Rediscovering the space beyond our doorstep. Place attachment and participatory regeneration within urban courtyards in Poland* (Magdalena Miśkowiec), *Reshaping territorial identities and creating place attachment through transport infrastructure. Case studies: The Metros in Almada, Lisbon and Porto* (Emanuel-Cristian Adorean, Oana-Ramona Ilovan, Iwona Markuszewska), *Sustainable brownfield regeneration in Baia Mare, Romania. Constructing place attachment through co-creation and co-development* (Kinga Xénia Havadi-Nagy, Tihamér-Levente Sebestyén) and *Restoring place attachment in a ruined post-industrial landscape: change, sense of community and aesthetics in Barreiro, Portugal* (Eduardo Brito-Henriques, Pablo Costa). The chapters of this book deal with a large variety of issues on place attachment with case studies carefully selected from different regions of Europe, from Germany and Poland, to Italy, Portugal, Austria, Romania etc. they being as such lessons to be learnt in order to open new fertile scientific dialogues on the wider background of place attachment through the lens of its preservation and re-construction actions. In this regard, the conclusions of the volume argue that the place attachment research has to be reshaped in order to provide new critical accountings for further research on territorial identity representations of the place attachment regardless of its approaches from theories to practices or to the cultural inquiries to the social and economic aspects that frame this concept in the cultural landscapes of communities sense of belonging. We have no single doubt that this valuable book represents an important tool for the present academic research and a real basis for further academic inquiries in this field.