

„The Genesis of Urban Landscape“ takes a closer look at the spatial impacts of the rapid process of urbanization in the Southern Chinese Pearl River Delta. The leading hypothesis of this book is that the integration of architecture and urban design, the infrastructure and the environmental conditions, the diversity of urban areas, areas of recreation, of agriculture and industry in the Pearl River Delta will lead to a high aesthetical quality of an urban landscape which can be the basis of future social and economic development. The concept of this book could be called a multilevel one: The first level contents theoretical and empirical analysis. The second level includes essays and stories to contribute a portrait to the picture of the urbanization process in South China's most successful boom region. The third level discusses designs of future developments as some kind of scenarios to open the discussion of planning the future of the Delta.

The book bases on the research and field work of the members of the “Pearl River Delta Project” at the University of Kassel in which Chinese and German experts as well as students of various nationalities have been studying the dynamic spatial processes in the Pearl River Delta since 2003.

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