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# Preface

In inviting contributions to this volume the editors have been concerned to provide a variety of perspectives on what is popularly termed the inner city crisis. In particular the volume is addressed not simply to students and academics but also, and primarily, to practitioners. It is directed at those who as politicians, administrators, professionals or activists make, implement or oppose policies which affect the inner city.

Our concern is to clarify both the nature of the inner city crisis and the kinds of responses which are open. The solutions must be found by those who live and work in the inner city, and it is ultimately their strength and their ability to fight for decent conditions which will determine the outcome. We hope this volume will, in some small measure, be of assistance.

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