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Nicholas Wise is with the School of Community Resources and Development at Arizona State University. His research interests include placemaking, community development, and competitiveness in destinations experiencing event-led regeneration, taking a socially restorative urbanism approach. He is Editor-in-Chief of *Local Economy* and Co-Editor of the *International Journal of Event and Festival Management*. His work appears in internationally recognized journals, including *Cities*, *Political Geography*, *Geographical Research*, *City, Culture and Society*, and *Journal of Community Psychology*.



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Etienne Nel holds the Ron Lister Chair of Geography at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. His academic background is in urban and economic geography, and his current research interests include small-town development, energy transitions, and local and regional development. Most of his research has been conducted in Southern Africa and Australasia. To date, he has published 16 authored or edited books and 251 research articles and chapters. His recent publications include the co-authored books *The Caring City* and *Africa: Diversity and Development*.



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