

## Cargomobilities

Moving Materials in a Global Age

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Objects and materials are on the move like never before, often at astonishing speeds and along hidden routeways. This collection opens to social scientific scrutiny the various systems which move objects about the world, examining their fateful implications for many people and places. Offering texts from key thinkers, the book presents case studies from around the world which report on efforts to establish, maintain, disrupt or transform the cargo-mobility systems which have grown so dramatically in scale and significance in recent decades.

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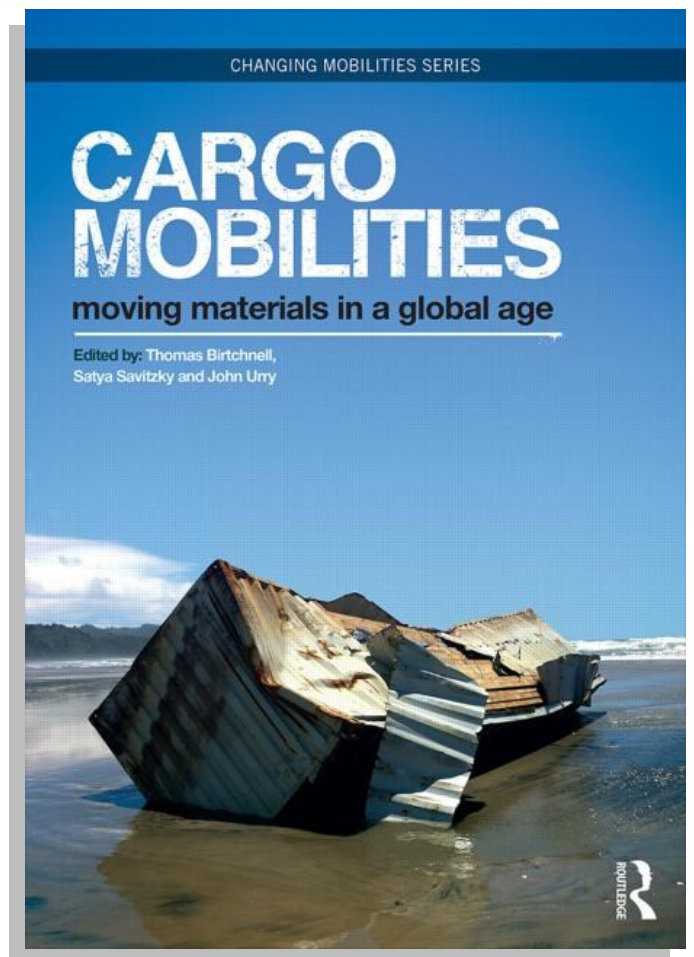
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'Circulating in the pervasive networks of a containerized world, this global granular study tracks the movement of the heavy components of digital capital. Nearly everything we consume has been calibrated and synchronized in these logistical landscapes that stretch into and striate both air and sea.' - *Keller Easterling, Yales School of Architecture*

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