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**MAPPING OUT 'MASS SUPERVISION'
IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXTS**

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It is increasingly recognized that punishment in the community is no longer the humanising and rehabilitative undertaking as was initially intended. Based on insights from nine different countries around the globe, this book identifies common trends of managerialism and massification. Starting from a deepening and critical understanding of McNeill's concept of mass supervision and taking a decolonizing perspective into account, this book offers an excellent and thought-provoking contribution to the scholarship on community punishment.

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Building off McNeill's (2018) *Pervasive Punishment*, this new edited volume asks how we "make sense" of mass supervision across time and place. The volume brings together some of the most thoughtful scholars working on community sanctions in Europe, the U.S., and less-well studied countries including Chile and Australia, and elsewhere, asking what purposes sanctions like probation and parole serve in the name of justice and how such supervision is experienced by individuals, families, and communities. Each chapter brings us a new location and focus, showing the complex and contradictory forces and experiences of community sanctions. And yet across all this diversity is a sense that community sanctions have strayed from their original purposes, growing more punitive and managerial. Taken together, the volume powerfully asks us to consider whether mass supervision itself can ever be rehabilitated away from punishment.

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With contributors from around the globe, this powerful collection illustrates the chilling story of how probation has journeyed from a grassroots, localized initiative into 'mass supervision' run by the state. This cautionary tale should be widely read by those hoping to abolish or reform the current system.

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