

## From the Planners' Bookshelf...

### **Seeing Trees**

A History of Street Trees in New York City and Berlin

Sonja Dümpelmann

#### From Yale Books:

"A fascinating and beautifully illustrated volume that explains what street trees tell us about humanity's changing relationship with nature and the city.

"Today, cities around the globe are planting street trees to mitigate the effects of climate change. However, as landscape historian Sonja Dümpelmann explains, the planting of street trees in cities to serve specific functions is not a new phenomenon. In her eye-opening work, Dümpelmann shows how New York City and Berlin began systematically planting trees to improve the urban climate during the nineteenth century, presenting the history of the practice within its larger social, cultural, and political contexts.

"A unique integration of empirical research and theory, Dümpelmann's richly illustrated work uncovers this important untold story. Street trees—variously regarded as sanitizers, nuisances, upholders of virtue, economic engines, and more—reflect the changing relationship between humans and nonhuman nature in urban environments. Offering valuable insights and frameworks, this authoritative volume will be an important resource for years to come.

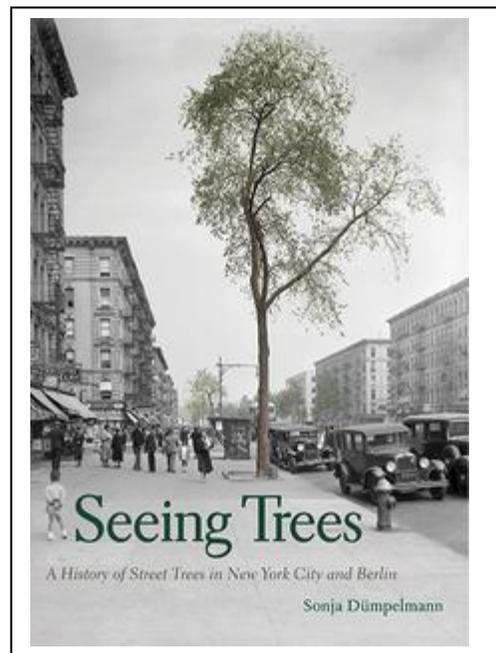
"Sonja Dümpelmann is associate professor of landscape architecture at Harvard's Graduate School of Design and author or editor/co-editor of several books, including the 2015 John Brinkerhoff Jackson Book Prize–winner *Flights of Imagination: Aviation, Landscape, Design*."

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