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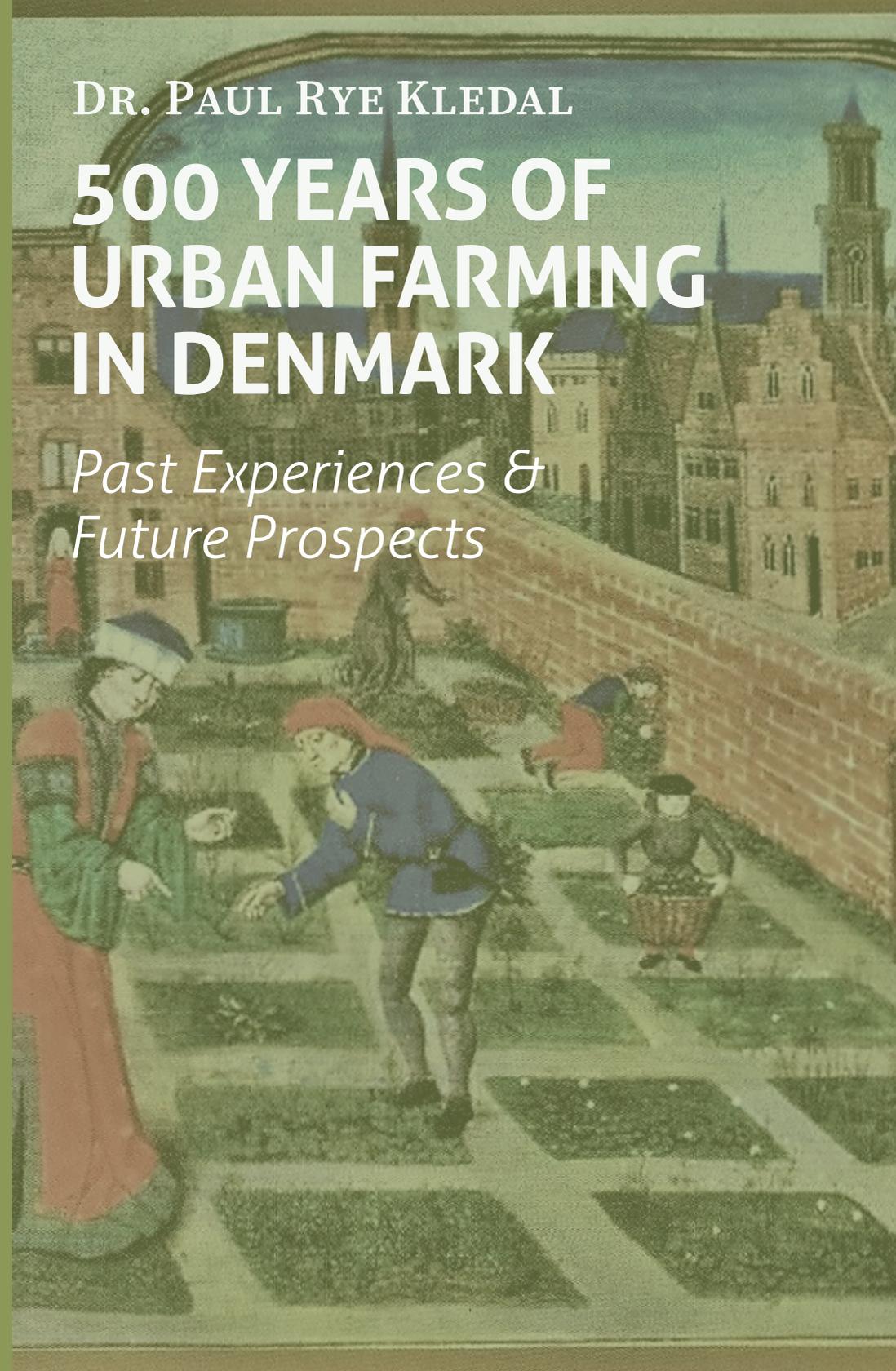


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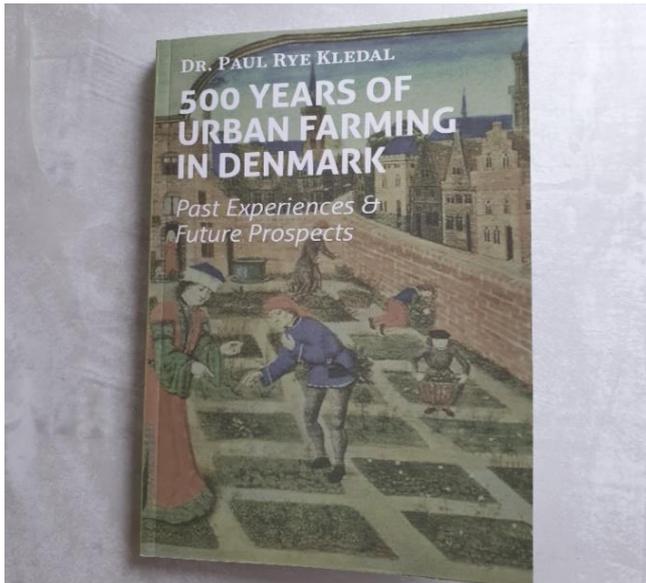
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The book is **divided in two parts**.

The first part details the **historical development** of urban farming in Denmark since the Protestant Reformation in 1536 to the present. The second part draws upon the historical legacy of urban farming and looks into its **future prospect on modern city planning** in general.

Each chapter of the historical part formally introduces an important moment in the Danish urban farm legacy. These introductions are contextualized within the influence of contemporary, grand European transformations in politics, economics, religion, class structure and culture.

Together with Professor Kostas Karantininis, this book introduces the **first microeconomic theory** on the ‘**Nature of the Urban Farm**’ explaining its popularity in both affluent and developing countries. For people who find economic theory and its focus on curves and graphs difficult, the chapter can easily be skipped without detracting from the overarching content of the book. Hopefully scientific scholars in both the social and natural sciences will be able to apply this theory to their findings and discuss its value.

For practitioners in the urban farm movement or engaged civil servants in urban city planning, the book provides, together with **design visions, also internationally recognized tools and concepts for promoting and incorporating urban farming in modern-day municipal planning**. The book ends with an urban farm manifesto for the 21st century that contains a vision, mission and means to promote and enhance the inclusion of urban farming successfully in future urban development. Likewise, a list of international organizations and networks working with urban farm issues is provided.

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