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## BOOKS RECEIVED

*Achieving Sustainable Development: The Challenge of Governance Across Social Scales.* Edited by Hans Th. A. Bressers & Walter A. Rosenbaum. London: Praeger Publishers, 2003. Pp. 336. \$84.95 cloth. Focusing upon the special problem embedded in the sustainability paradigm, that of organizing governance "across scales" – across and between geographic, political, ecological, or other social levels in a sustainable regime; not only how societies can organize but how they do organize to overcome such daunting obstacles, placing considerable emphasis upon the history and lessons to be learned from ongoing efforts to achieve such governance in several diverse international settings including the Netherlands, the Northwest United States, Costa Rica, Madagascar, Senegal, and the European Union.

*China's Forests: Global Lessons from Market Reforms.* Edited by William F. Hyde & Jinatao Xu. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2003. Pp. 224. \$60.00 hardcover. \$26.95 paperback. Comprehensively examining the contemporary issues facing China's forestry providing important perspectives on the impacts of China's policies on its forests.

*Common Waters, Diverging Streams: Linking Institutions and Water Management in Arizona, California, and Colorado.* By William Blomquist, Edella Schlager & Tanya Heikkila. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2004. Pp. 210. \$70.00 hardcover; \$30.95 paperback. A firsthand investigation into water management in a fast-growing region of the arid American West presenting three states that have adopted the conjunctive management of ground and surface water to make resources go further in serving people and the environment.

*Earthly Politics: Local and Global in Environmental Governance.* Edited by Sheila Jasanoff & Marybeth Long Martello. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2004. Pp. 356. \$27.00 paperback. Analyzing a variety of environmental-governance approaches that balance the local and the global in order to encourage new, more flexible frameworks of global governance.

*Environmental Planning Handbook for Sustainable Communities and Regions.* By Tom Daniels & Katherine Daniels. Chicago: APA Planners Press, 2003. Pp. 524. \$74.95 hardcover. Clarifying complex environmental issues, examining current sustainability efforts, and offering step-by-step guidance to how governments can use local and regional comprehensive planning to sustain the quality of the natural environment.

*Exploitation of Natural Resources in the 21st Century.* Edited by Malgosia Fitzmaurice & Milena Szuniewicz. The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 2003. Pp. 296. \$141.00 hardcover. Examining the important issues discussed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg and outlining a practical approach to sustainable

development in concrete areas of economic and environmental cooperation.

*Federalism and Environmental Policy: Trust and the Politics of Implementation.* By Denise Scheberle. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2004. Pp. 219. \$22.95 paperback. Revised and updated and providing a significant contribution to our understanding of relationships between the states and the national government, setting the environmental process in its unique constitutional and political context.

*Forests in Time: The Environmental Consequences of 1,000 Years of Change in New England.* Edited by David R. Foster & John D. Aber. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004. Pp. 496. \$45.00 hardcover. Demonstrating that an understanding of landscape history is essential for the study of ecology and environmental management.

*Green Alternatives to Globalization: A Manifesto.* By Michael Woodin & Caroline Lucas. London: Pluto Press, 2004. Pp. 262. \$24.95 paperback. Arguing that globalization increases poverty, undermines democracy, and destroys the environment and demonstrating the urgent need for a new approach, economic localization, based on the Green principles of equity, ecology, and democracy.

*Green Giants? Environmental Policies of the United States and European Union.* Edited by Norman J. Vig & Michael G. Faure. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2004. Pp. 398. \$27.00 paperback. Raising the intriguing question of whether the world's two richest economies—the United States and the European Union—are following increasingly divergent paths on environmental policy and pointing to the need for a new transatlantic partnership in this vital area.

*The Green State: Rethinking Democracy and Sovereignty.* By Robyn Eckersley. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2004. Pp. 347. \$25.00 paperback. Exploring what it might take to create a green democratic state as an alternative to the classical liberal democratic state, the indiscriminate growth-dependent welfare state, and the neoliberal market-focused state.

*In Search of the Rain Forest.* Edited by Candace Slater. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2004. Pp. 318. \$79.95 cloth; \$22.95 paperback. Encouraging a nuanced understanding of distinctive, constantly evolving forests with different social and natural histories and providing an important impetus for protection efforts that take into account the rain forest in all of its complexity.

*Institutionalizing International Environmental Law.* By Bharat H. Desai. Ardslev, NY: Transnational Publishers, Inc., 2004. Pp. 391. \$115.00

hardcover. Explaining the rationale of the law making process and the development of institutions in the field of global environment

*Land Use and Society: Geography, Law, and Public Policy*, revised edition. By Rutherford H. Platt. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2004. Pp. 455. \$75.00 cloth; \$37.50 paper. Exploring the interactions among law, geography, history, and culture and their joint influence on the evolution of land use and urban form in the United States.

*Living with Florida's Atlantic Beaches: Coastal Hazards from Amelia Island to Key West*. By David M. Bush, William J. Neal, Norma J. Longo, Kenyon C. Lindeman, Deborah F. Pilkey, Luciana Slomp Esteves, John D. Congleton & Orrin H. Pilkey. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2004. Pp. 360. \$22.95 paperback. Aiming to arm coastal residents, community planners, builders, and curious visitors with information about the dynamic Florida coastline and arguing that Floridians need to learn to live with, rather than at, the shore.

*Local Forest Management: The Impacts of Devolution Policies*. Edited by David Edmunds and Eva Wollenberg. London: Earthscan Publications Ltd., 2003. Pp. 208. \$32.50 paperback. Demonstrating that devolution policies, contrary to the claims of governments, have actually increased governmental control over the management of local resources, and at a lower cost to the state.

*Mediated Modeling: A System Dynamics Approach to Environmental Consensus Building*. By Marjan van den Belt. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2004. Pp. 339. \$35.00 paper. \$70.00 Cloth. Providing an innovative new approach that enhances the use of computer models as invaluable tools to guide policy and management decisions.

*Oil and Gas Law in Kazakhstan: National and International Perspectives*. By Illias Bantekas, John Paterson & Maidan Suleimenov. The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 2004. Pp. \$181.00 hardcover. Considering the various dimensions of Kazakhstan's legal treatment of the oil and gas industry, including investment and contractual issues, dispute settlement, transport and refining, environmental issues, and taxation in this transitioning economy.

*Positive Impact Forestry*. By Thom J. McEvoy. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2004. Pp. 268. \$25.00 paper; \$50.00 cloth. Bringing together the latest scientific understanding and insights to describe an approach to managing forests that meets the needs of landowners while maintaining the integrity of forest ecosystems and emphasizing forestry's potential to achieve sustainable benefits both now and into the future with long-term investment superseding short-term gain and the needs of families exceeding those of individuals.

*Principles of Chemical Separations with Environmental Applications.* By Richard D. Noble & Patricia A. Terry. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004. Pp. 321. \$120.00 hardcover; \$60.00 paperback. Discussing the general aspects of separation technology as a unit operation and describing how property differences are used to generate separations, the use of separating agents, and the selection criteria for particular separation techniques.

*Private Property in the 21st Century: The Future of an American Ideal.* Edited by Harvey M. Jacobs. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing Inc., 2004. Pp. 192. \$85.00 cloth. Presenting an interdisciplinary, politically divergent group of contributors who speculate on private property's future, seeing different forces pressing in on property and even disagreeing as to whether property's centrality will increase or decrease over the course of the century.

*Private Rights in Public Resources: Equity and Property Allocation in Market-Based Environmental Policy.* By Leigh Raymond. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2003. Pp. 264. \$55.00 hardcover; \$21.95 paperback. Investigating equity norms through original studies of two important environmental laws, the Acid Rain Title of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments and the 1934 Taylor Grazing Act, and revealing that, despite the different historical and ecological settings, the political actors in the two cases struggled to reconcile similar arguments and were able to achieve a similar synthesis of conflicting ownership ideas.

*Red Sky at Morning: America and the Crisis of the Global Environment.* By James Gustave Speth. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004. Pp. 299. \$24.00 hardcover. Showing that ensuring a livable, peaceful planet for upcoming generations will require extraordinary new initiatives, a mobilized civil society, and respect for the unprecedented ethical position in which we find ourselves.

*Sustainability on Campus: Stories and Strategies for Change.* Edited by Peggy F. Barlett & Geoffrey W. Chase. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2004. Pp. 344. \$23.95 paperback. Showing that achieving environmental sustainability is not a matter of applying the formulas of risk management or engineering technology but instead is part of what the editors call "the messy reality of participatory engagement in cultural transformation."

*What's Nature Worth? Narrative Expressions of Environmental Values.* Edited by Terre Satterfield & Scott Slovic. Salt Lake City: The University of Utah Press, 2004. Pp. 320. \$24.95 paperback. Exploring how the art of storytelling might bring new perspectives and insights to economic and policy discussions regarding the value of nature and the environment.

*World Agriculture and the Environment: A Commodity-by-Commodity Guide to Impacts and Practices.* By Jason Clay. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2004. Pp. 570. \$70.00 cloth; \$35.00 paperback. Taking the position that the most effective route to more sustainable agriculture will be working with farmers directly to identify or co-develop better management practices and suggesting policy changes and new management practices that could help us avoid the loss of biodiversity.

*Yearbook of International Co-operation on Environmental and Development 2003-2004.* By The Fridtjof Nansen Institute. London: Earthscan Publications Ltd., 2003. Pp. 352. \$99.95 cloth. Demonstrating the international community's position on specific environment and development problems, the main obstacles to effective international solutions, and how to overcome them and assessing both the achievements and shortcomings of international cooperation, distinguishing clearly between the rhetoric and the reality of environmental world politics.